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## **PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR ISSUES NEW GENERAL ORDER EXTENDING CERTAIN JUVENILE DEADLINES**

Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor today announced a new General Order to extend certain Juvenile deadlines through December 3, 2021. The General Order is issued under the authority granted by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye.

"The Court is seeking to normalize Criminal operations as pandemic trends continue to improve with increased rates of vaccination and public health measures intended to curb virus transmission," Presiding Judge Taylor said. "While the Court obtained authority from the Chief Justice for Criminal continuances, for the last 14 days and moving forward, I have elected not to implement this authority as we continue to closely monitor stresses on our operations and work closely with our justice partners to tackle case backlogs together. This approach allows us to move closer to more timely access to justice, while monitoring systemic stresses and remaining vigilant in the fight against the virus."

The Order, which is attached, extends deadlines as follows:

### **Juvenile Dependency**

- (i) The time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending Dependency proceedings

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**GENERAL ORDER  
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must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire from **November 6, 2021**, to **December 3, 2021**, inclusive; and

- (ii) The time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending Dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire from **November 6, 2021**, to **December 3, 2021**, inclusive.

The Order also states that in accordance with [General Order 2021-GEN-023-00](#), all persons – regardless of vaccination status – are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings compliant with the guidance are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment. A list of ADA liaisons is available at <http://www.lacourt.org/ada/adahome.aspx>.

In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users, persons seeking services from the Clerk’s Office, court support services, and/or the Self-Help Centers are encouraged to schedule appointments. For telephone or video assistance, or [to schedule an appointment](#), the telephone number for each courthouse is listed at the courthouse entry and posted on the Court’s website, [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org).

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE  
 PRESIDING JUDGE RE COVID-19  
 PANDEMIC

**GENERAL ORDER**

In its continuing efforts to balance its obligation to maintain access to justice with its commitment to safeguard the well-being of court users in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the **SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. Clerk's Office and Self-Help Center Appointments:**

In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users, persons seeking services from the Clerk's Office, court support services, and/or the Self-Help Centers are encouraged to schedule appointments. For telephone or video assistance, or [to schedule an appointment](#), the telephone number for each courthouse is listed at the courthouse entry and posted on the Court's website, [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org).

**2. Face Coverings:**

In accordance with [General Order 2021-GEN-023-00](#), all persons – regardless of vaccination status – are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings compliant with the Guidance, are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment.

3. **Judicial Emergency Order Continuances:**

a. Juvenile Dependency

- i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire from **November 6, 2021 to December 3, 2021**, inclusive.
- ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire from **November 6, 2021 to December 3, 2021**, inclusive.

**THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, OR UNTIL ITS PROVISIONS EXPIRE BY THEIR TERMS, ARE RESCINDED, AMENDED, OR ARE SUPERSEDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDERS. THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE. GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: November 4, 2021



*Eric C. Taylor*  
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 ERIC C. TAYLOR  
 Presiding Judge