

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**COVID-19 TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

Date	Action Taken by the Court
March 4, 2020	<p>In response to the spread of COVID-19, Governor of California Gavin Newsom declares a state of emergency in California.</p> <p>The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LA DPH) declares a local and public health emergency in response to the increased spread of coronavirus across the County of Los Angeles.</p>
March 12, 2020	<p>Governor of California Gavin Newsom issues Executive Order N-25-20, which refers to guidance relating to COVID-19 from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The CDPH finds, among other things, that "smaller gatherings held in venues that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person should be postponed or cancelled . . . [and a] 'gathering' is any event or convening that brings together people in a single room or single space at the same time . . . . This applies to all non-essential professional, social and community gatherings regardless of their sponsor . . . ."</p> <p>City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti issues new orders to help protect the public and slow the spread of coronavirus which required the postponement or cancellation of all non-essential public community events or group activities with 50 or more participants, or that requires close contact between vulnerable individuals.</p>
March 13, 2020	<p>President Donald J. Trump declares a national emergency over the COVID-19 outbreak. Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile announces in a <a href="#">News Release</a> changes to court operations to begin on March 16 and makes requests to Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye for an emergency order as authorized in <a href="#">Senate Bill 1208</a></p>
March 15, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile Court responds in a <a href="#">News Release</a> to the executive action by City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti regarding changes in the City of Los Angeles and scales down operations to achieve social distancing.</p>
March 16, 2020	<p>Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye issues an emergency order based on the request made by Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile authorizing a number of actions for the Court and declaring March 17 – 19, 2020, a holiday for purposes of computing time. <a href="#">Chief Justice Emergency Order</a></p>
March 17, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 004</a> (2020-GEN-004-00) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The order closes all courthouses to the public from March 17 -19, 2020, a 3-day closure, a holiday for purposes of computing time.</p>
March 18, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge Brazile announces in a <a href="#">News Release</a> that all Traffic and Non-Traffic Infraction trials and traffic arraignments are suspended for at least 30 days.</p>

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March 19, 2020	<p>Governor of California Gavin Newsom issues Executive Order N-33-20, requiring all Californians to stay home, exempts essential workers and identifies Courts as essential.</p> <p>Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 005</a> (2020-GEN-005-00) to amend order General Order 004. This order provides that the Court be open beginning March 20, at 8:30 AM after the 3-day closure, to only hear time sensitive and essential services in all courthouses except Beverly Hills and Catalina. This order also continues all unlawful detainer trials.</p>
March 20, 2020	<p>The Court issues a <a href="#">News Release</a> notifying the public that the Clerk's Offices would be closed to the public effective Monday, March 23, 2020 and services to be transitioned to telephonic and remote solutions.</p> <p>The Court reopens with only around 30% of its courtrooms used for essential services.</p>
March 23, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 006</a> (2020-GEN-006-00). This new General Order restricts courthouse access to authorized parties only through June 22, 2020. This Order also delays Criminal and Civil cases while prioritizing Bail Review Hearings for the next 60 days.</p> <p>Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye issues a Statewide Order and notes that courts cannot continue to operate as they have in the past and comply with the increasingly stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between people that the CDC, the CDPH, and local county health departments have recommended. Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye further notes that court proceedings require gatherings of court staff, litigants, attorneys, witnesses, and juries, well in excess of the numbers allowed for gathering under current executive and health orders and that court facilities in California are ill-equipped to effectively allow the social distancing and other public health requirements required to protect people involved in court proceedings and prevent the further spread of COVID-19. <a href="#">Statewide Order by Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye</a></p>
March 24, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge Brazile issues a <a href="#">News Release</a> announcing an expedited court process to release an agreed-upon list of pretrial inmates being held in jail before trial. Based upon the Justice Partners' best effort to balance the public health needs of the jail population and the public safety needs of the community, they have created a stipulated list of persons to be released by the Court.</p>
March 27, 2020	<p>Governor of California Gavin Newsom issues Executive Order N-38-20 on Judicial Council emergency authority. <a href="#">Governor Newsom Executive Order</a></p>
March 28, 2020	<p>Judicial Council of California authorizes and supports Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and Chair of Judicial Council in issuing statewide orders that will be in effect until 90-days after the state of emergency related to COVID-19 is lifted. <a href="#">Judicial Council Meeting</a></p>
March 30, 2020	<p>Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye issues a statewide emergency order authorizing superior courts to extend statutory deadlines and use available technology. <a href="#">Chief Justice Emergency Order</a></p>

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April 2, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 007</a> (2020-GEN-007-00) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The order allows the court to extend statutory deadlines and implement, where possible, the use of technology.
April 13, 2020	Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye issues an emergency order extending relief authorized by section 68115 of the Government Code based on a request made by Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile. <a href="#">Chief Justice Emergency Order</a>
April 14, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 009</a> (2020-GEN-009-00) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The order extends relief authorized by section 68115 of the Government Code.
April 16, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile provides an updated outline of the proceedings in each litigation area that are considered essential and/or emergency under the current emergency orders. <a href="#">COVID-19 Update 04/16/20</a>
April 17, 2020	Judicial Council of California issues an amendment to the emergency rules (rule 12) which requires attorneys to electronically serve and receive notices and documents in all general civil actions and family and probate proceedings when requested to do so. <a href="#">Emergency Rules Related to COVID-19</a>
April 20, 2020	Judicial Council of California issues an amendment to the emergency rules (rule 13) regarding the effective date for request to modify support. <a href="#">Emergency Rules Related to COVID-19</a>
April 29, 2020	Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye issues an additional emergency order extending relief authorized by section 68115 of the Government Code. <a href="#">Chief Justice Emergency Order</a>
May 7, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 011</a> (2020-GEN-011-00). The order delays the impaneling of the next civil grand jury. It also extends the term of the current civil grand jury until a new civil grand jury is impaneled.
May 13, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 012</a> (2020-GEN-012-00) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The order states that all courtrooms will remain closed for judicial business until June 10, 2020, except time sensitive, essential functions.
May 21, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">Amended General Order 012-01</a> (2020-GEN-012-01) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The Order amends, <i>nunc pro tunc</i> , sections of paragraph 1 of General Order 2020-GEN-012-00.
June 5, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 016</a> (2020-GEN-016) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The Order requires all persons entering any courthouse or courtroom shall wear a face covering/mask over his or her nose and mouth.

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June 11, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 018</a> (2020-GEN-018) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. In the Order Presiding Judge Brazile announced a phased expansion of court operations and social distancing requirements pursuant to the emergency powers granted to him under Government Code section 68115.
June 17, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">Amended General Order 018</a> (2020-GEN-018-01) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The Order amends, <i>nunc pro tunc</i> , paragraph 1, subparagraph a of General Order 2020-GEN-018-00.
July 6, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">Amended General Order 016-01</a> (2020-GEN-016-01) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The Order requires all persons to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while they are in a courthouse.
July 10, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 019</a> (2020-GEN-019) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. In the Order, Presiding Judge Brazile delays trials as COVID-19 pandemic continues unabated pursuant to the emergency powers granted to him under Government Code section 68115.
July 15, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">Amended General Order 019-01</a> (2020-GEN-019-01) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The Order delays trials as COVID-19 pandemic continues unabated pursuant to the emergency powers granted under Government Code section 68115.
August 10, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 020</a> (2020-GEN-020) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. In the Order, Presiding Judge Brazile extended legal proceedings in the Civil, Family, Probate, Juvenile and Criminal Divisions of the Court pursuant to the emergency powers granted to him under Government Code section 68115. The Order seeks to balance the need to increase the Court's workload while keeping courthouses safe by reducing in-person appearances as COVID-19 rates of infections continue to increase in Los Angeles County.
September 10, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 021</a> (2020-GEN-021) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. In the Order, Presiding Judge Brazile extended legal proceedings pursuant to the emergency powers granted to him under Government Code section 68115. In addition, the Order addresses courthouse access and remote appearances, as well as face coverings and social distancing.
October 9, 2020	Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 023</a> (2020-GEN-023) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. In the Order, Presiding Judge Brazile continued civil, juvenile dependency, juvenile delinquency, and criminal matters proceedings pursuant to the emergency powers granted to him. Additionally, the Order addresses courthouse access, remote appearances, face mask, and social distancing.

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October 13, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">Amended General Order 016-02</a> (2020-GEN-016-02) of emergency powers obtained from the Chief. The Order requires all persons to wear masks over their nose and mouth while they are in a courthouse.</p> <p>Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">Amended General Order 023-01</a> (2020-GEN-023-01). The Order updates Paragraph 9 nunc pro tunc for Family Law matters.</p>
November 9, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">Amended General Order 023-02</a> (2020-GEN-023-02). The Order updates Paragraph 5, sub. a and b nunc pro tunc for Juvenile Dependency and Juvenile Delinquency matters.</p>
November 23, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 025-00</a> (2020-GEN-025-00). The Order outlines measures to enforce social distancing and reduce the number of people in courthouses. Also outlines how members of the public who wish to attend a court proceeding may do so in compliance with applicable California Rules of Court, including Rule 1.150.</p>
December 2, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge Brazile issues <a href="#">General Order 026-00</a> (2020-GEN-026-00). The Order outlines measures to emergency powers obtained from the Chief. In the Order, Presiding Judge Brazile extended last-day deadlines for Criminal trials and Juvenile Dependency cases.</p>
December 31, 2020	<p>Presiding Judge-elect Eric C. Taylor issues <a href="#">General Order 027-00</a> (2020-GEN-027-00). The Order outlines measures to emergency powers obtained from the Chief. In the Order, Presiding Judge-elect Taylor extended last-day deadlines for Criminal and Juvenile Dependency cases.</p>
January 28, 2021	<p>Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor issues <a href="#">General Order 010-00</a> (2021-GEN-010-00). The Order outlines measures to enforce social distancing and reduce the number of people in courthouses. The Order also requires all persons to wear masks over their nose and mouth while they are in a courthouse. Lastly, the Order extends continuances in Juvenile Dependency and Criminal matters.</p>