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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

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County (Court) lifted its social distancing mandate on June 28, 2021, but retained its mask mandate for the protection of its users, judicial officers, and personnel. In the intervening time, Los Angeles County has experienced a dramatic increase in reported COVID-19 cases that prompted the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to issue more restrictive indoor mask policies for all persons, regardless of vaccination status. As the Court seeks to balance its obligation to maintain access to justice with its commitment to safeguard the well-being of court users, it is imperative that all court users comply with the Court's mask mandate and that they monitor and comply with public health mandates.

THE COURT 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.

2. Face Coverings:

In accordance with [General Order 2021-GEN-023-00](#), all persons – regardless of

1 vaccination status – are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while
2 in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings
3 compliant with the Guidance, are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of
4 the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment.

5 **3. Judicial Emergency Order Continuances:**

6 a. Juvenile Dependency

- 7 i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and
8 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
9 proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days,
10 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire
11 from **August 14, 2021, to September 11, 2021**, inclusive.
- 12 ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and
13 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
14 proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days,
15 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire
16 from **August 14, 2021, to September 11, 2021**, inclusive.

17 b. Criminal

- 18 i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide Emergency](#)
19 [Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California
20 and Chair of the Judicial Council, which the Court implemented in its [General](#)
21 [Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2, 2020, and **until August 27, 2021**,
22 the Court extends the time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for the
23 holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from 10
24 court days to not more than 30 court days.
- 25 ii. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for
26 the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases
27 in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would
28 expire from **August 14, 2021, to August 27, 2021**, inclusive.

