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## **PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR AMENDS GENERAL ORDER TO EXTEND CERTAIN CRIMINAL CASE DEADLINES BY TWO WEEKS DURING ONGOING DELTA TRANSMISSION IN LA COUNTY**

Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor today announced he is extending deadlines for certain Criminal matters by an additional two (2) weeks under authority previously granted by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye to safeguard the well-being of court users. Today's amended General Order extends the deadlines for applicable cases from September 26, 2021, to October 9, 2021.

"After assessing the current COVID-19 trends in Los Angeles County, I have elected to make use of the relief previously provided by the Chief Justice as the Court diligently works to balance access to justice and its commitment to the safety of those who work in the Court and need our services," Presiding Judge Taylor said. "We use this relief sparingly as the Court continues to cautiously ramp up operations. The Order allows for flexibility to continue last-day matters to help reduce the number of people coming into our courthouses during this on-going pandemic."

On September 10, 2021, Presiding Judge Taylor issued a General Order that partially implemented the relief the Chief Justice granted the Court under Government Code section 68115 and Penal Code section 1382. The Court finds good cause to extend General Order No. 2021-GEN-030-00 as follows:

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**AMENDED GENERAL ORDER  
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**Criminal**

- (i) The time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from 10 court days to not more than 30 court days.
- (ii) The time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a Criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire from **September 12, 2021**, to **October 9, 2021**, inclusive.
- (iii) By 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **September 12, 2021**, to **October 9, 2021**, inclusive.
- (iv) By 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held sooner and the defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody misdemeanor pretrial hearings set on **September 12, 2021**, to **October 9, 2021**, inclusive.

**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 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 **September 12, 2021**, to **October 9, 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 **September 12, 2021**, to **October 9, 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>.

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**AMENDED GENERAL ORDER**

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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

**AMENDED 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, 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

1 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency  
 2 proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days,  
 3 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire  
 4 from **September 12, 2021, to October 9, 2021**, inclusive.

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

10 b. **Criminal**

- 11 i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide Emergency](#)  
 12 [Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California  
 13 and Chair of the Judicial Council, which the Court implemented in its [General](#)  
 14 [Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2, 2020, and **until October 9, 2021**,  
 15 the Court extends the time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for the  
 16 holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from 10  
 17 court days to not more than 30 court days.
- 18 ii. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for  
 19 the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases  
 20 in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would  
 21 expire from **September 12, 2021 to October 9, 2021**, inclusive.
- 22 iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on  
 23 **September 12, 2021 to October 9, 2021**, inclusive.
- 24 iv. The Court extends by 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held sooner  
 25 and the defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody misdemeanor  
 26 pretrial hearings set on **September 12, 2021 to October 9, 2021**, inclusive.

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**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: September 24, 2021



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

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