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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 during 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.

2. Face Coverings:

In accordance with <u>General Order 2021-GEN-023-00</u>, 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 <u>Rule 1.100</u> of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment.

3. Judicial Emergency Order Continuances:

a. <u>Criminal Division</u>

- i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the March 30, 2020 Statewide Emergency
 Order issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California
 and Chair of the Judicial Council, which the Court implemented in its General
 Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00 issued on April 2, 2020, and until February 11,
 2022, the Court extends 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 Court extends the time 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 January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022, inclusive.
- iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports due from January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022, inclusive.
- iv. The Court extends 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 **January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022**, inclusive.

b. <u>Juvenile Dependency</u>

- 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 January 29, 2022 to February 25, 2022, 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 January 29, 2022, to February 25, 2022, 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: January 27, 2022 Presiding Judge