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## **PRESIDING JUDGE KEVIN C. BRAZILE ISSUES ORDER AUTHORIZING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY CONTINUANCES FOR CRIMINAL, JUVENILE DEPENDENCY TO FURTHER LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ALLOWED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSES**

Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile issued a General Order today extending last-day deadlines for Criminal trials as well as Juvenile Dependency cases pursuant to the emergency powers granted to him by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye under Government Code 68115. The Order, which is attached, provides emergency relief as follows:

### **Criminal:**

- Pursuant to the authority granted by the March 30, 2020, Statewide Emergency Order issued by Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye, which the Court implemented in its [General Order No. 2020-GEN-07-00](#) issued on April 2, 2020, and until further notice, 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.
- The Court extends 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 **December 2, 2020** to **December 31, 2020**, inclusive.

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## GENERAL ORDER

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### Juvenile Dependency:

- 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 **December 7, 2020 to December 31, 2020**, inclusive.
- 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 **December 7, 2020 to December 31, 2020**, inclusive.

Today's Order – which contains additional provisions – demonstrates the Court's continuing efforts to balance its obligation to render justice with its duty to protect the health and well-being of litigants, attorneys, court workers, judicial officers, and others who enter the courthouse during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users and enforcing social distancing, persons seeking services from the Clerk's Office, court support services, and/or the Self-Help Centers must have a prescheduled appointment. 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/courthouse](http://www.lacourt.org/courthouse).

In response to a spike of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County and statewide, Presiding Judge Brazile issued [General Order 2020-GEN-025-00](#) on November 23, 2020, to limit access to Los Angeles County courthouses.

The Court's *Here For You | Safe For You* initiative provides numerous protective measures to operate courthouses safely, including offering services that allow court business to be conducted remotely. Whether appearing by phone, from home, the office or coming to the courthouse, the Court provides safe, efficient options to access justice. The Court's remote courtroom appearance technology options promote social distancing by reducing the number of people appearing in person.

Information on *Here For You | Safe For You* can be found [here](#) and on the Court's Twitter page (@[LASuperiorCourt](#)).

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 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 render justice with its duty to protect the health and well-being of litigants, attorneys, court workers, judicial officers, and others who enter the courthouse during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (LASC or Court) implemented numerous protective measures to continue to operate safely and resumed criminal jury trials in late August and other jury trials in October. However, the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County compels the Court to take decisive action to limit the number of persons in its courthouses.

**THE COURT HEREBY FINDS, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. Courthouse Access and Remote Appearances:**

- a. In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users and enforcing social distancing, persons seeking services from the Clerk's Office, court support services, and/or the Self-Help Centers must have a prescheduled appointment. 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).

1           b. Access to LASC proceedings is governed by [General Order No. 2020-GEN-025-00](#)  
2           issued on November 23, 2020.

3           **2. Face Coverings:**

4           In accordance with [General Order No. 2020-GEN-016-02](#) issued on October 13, 2020, all  
5           persons are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while in a  
6           courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings  
7           compliant with the California Department of Public Health [Guidance Concerning the Use](#)  
8           [of Face Coverings](#) issued on June 18, 2020, are urged to seek an accommodation under  
9           [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or  
10          appointment.

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

12          a. Juvenile Dependency

- 13           i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and  
14           Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency  
15           proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days,  
16           applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire  
17           from **December 7, 2020** to **December 31, 2020**, inclusive.
- 18           ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and  
19           Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency  
20           proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days,  
21           applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire  
22           from **December 7, 2020** to **December 31, 2020**, inclusive.

23          b. Criminal

- 24           i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide Emergency](#)  
25           [Order](#) issued by Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair  
26           of the Judicial Council which the Court implemented in its [General Order No.](#)  
27           [2020-GEN-07-00](#) issued on April 2, 2020, and until further notice, the Court  
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1 extends the time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of  
2 a preliminary examination and the defendant’s right to release from 10 court  
3 days to not more than 30 court days.

4 ii. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code  
5 for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to  
6 cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise  
7 would expire from **December 2, 2020 to December 31, 2020**, inclusive.

8 iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on  
9 **December 2, 2020 to December 31, 2020**, inclusive.

10 iv. The Court extends by 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held  
11 sooner and the defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody  
12 misdemeanor pretrial hearings set on **December 2, 2020 to December 31, 2020**,  
13 inclusive.

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15 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**  
16 **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, OR UNTIL ITS PROVISIONS EXPIRE BY THEIR TERMS,**  
17 **ARE RESCINDED, AMENDED, OR ARE SUPERSEDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDERS. THIS**  
18 **ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

19 **GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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23 DATED: December 2, 2020



24 *Kevin C. Brazile*  
25 KEVIN C. BRAZILE  
26 Presiding Judge  
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