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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**

As Los Angeles County faces a dangerous rise in the number of COVID-19 cases, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (LASC or Court) must take more stringent measures to continue to operate safely.

**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).
- b. Access to LASC proceedings is governed by [General Order 2020-GEN-025-00](#) issued on November 23, 2020.

**2. Face Coverings:**

In accordance with [General Order No. 2020-GEN-016-02](#) issued on October 13, 2020, all persons are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while

1 in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face  
2 coverings compliant with the California Department of Public Health [Guidance](#)  
3 [Concerning the Use of Face Coverings](#) issued on June 18, 2020, are urged to seek an  
4 accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their  
5 court appearance or appointment.

### 6 3. **Judicial Emergency Order Continuances:**

#### 7 a. Juvenile Dependency

8 i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare  
9 and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending  
10 dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than  
11 seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline  
12 would otherwise expire from **January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**,  
13 inclusive.

14 ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare  
15 and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending  
16 dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than  
17 seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline  
18 would otherwise expire from **January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**,  
19 inclusive.

#### 20 b. Criminal

21 i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide](#)  
22 [Emergency Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief  
23 Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council which the Court  
24 implemented in its [General Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2,  
25 2020, and until further notice, the Court extends the time provided by  
26 section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination  
27 and the defendant's right to release from 10 court days to not more than 30  
28 court days.

- ii. 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 **January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**, inclusive.
- iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**, 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 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**, 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 THEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: December 31, 2020



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