

FILED
Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

MAR 23 2020

Sherrri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By Rizalinda Mina, Deputy
Rizalinda Mina

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

WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency in response to the outbreak of the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Newsom, the Governor of the State of California has declared a state of emergency in response to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that, for at least eight (8) weeks, all gatherings throughout the United States should be limited to no more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has recommended that large gatherings should be avoided, that persons over 65 years of age, and other vulnerable populations should avoid person-to-person contact and maintain a social distance of at least six (6) feet, and that employers allow their employees to telework to the extent reasonable and practical; and

WHEREAS, as of March 23, 2020, 536 people within the County of Los Angeles have been confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, and seven (7) people within the County of Los Angeles have died from COVID-19, and the number of those infected continues to rise, thus causing an emergency pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, both issued, respectively, stay at home and safer at home orders; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles has obtained
2 emergency powers pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code section 68115, and has
3 issued general orders to implement the emergency powers the Chief Justice of the State of California
4 delegated to the Court.

5 **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THIS COURT HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

- 6 1. Access to any and all Los Angeles County Courthouses shall be restricted at all times to
7 judges, commissioners, court staff and authorized persons¹ until further notice; and
- 8 2. Access to any and all court proceedings, including but not limited to arraignments,
9 preliminary hearings, motions, ex partes or trials, shall be limited to parties, attorneys,
10 witnesses or authorized persons until further notice; and
- 11 3. The full and complete temporary public closure of the Sylmar Juvenile Courthouse for
12 three (3) days; and
- 13 4. The full and complete public closure of the Beverly Hills, Catalina and Spring Street
14 Courthouses, until further notice; and
- 15 5. The Executive Officer/Clerk of Court may provide telephonic and electronic assistance
16 to assist in those essential services as outlined in the [March 17, 2020](#) and [March 19,](#)
17 [2020](#) Administrative Order of the Presiding Judge re COVID-19 Pandemic, as well as
18 any subsequent Orders, to the largest extent possible only; and
- 19 6. The suspension of any and all criminal or civil jury or non-jury trials per the [March 19,](#)
20 [2020](#) Administrative Order of the Presiding Judge re COVID-19 Pandemic, including
21 unlawful detainer trials, until further notice; and
- 22 7. In all criminal cases, a 90-day continuance of any and all status reports and progress
23 reports; and
- 24 8. The continuance of any and all criminal misdemeanor cases, with out-of-custody
25 defendants, for 90 days, unless otherwise statutorily required; and

26
27
28

¹ Authorized persons include but is not limited to news reporters and news media representatives.

1 9. Bail review hearings under Penal Code section 1275 for any and all misdemeanor or
2 felony pretrial detainees will be deemed a priority matter on the court's calendar for the
3 next 60 days; and

4 10. Social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be enforced in all courthouse and
5 courtrooms to the extent possible.
6

7 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**
8 **UNTIL JUNE 22, 2020 AND MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**
9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10
11
12 DATED: March 23, 2020



13 *Kevin C. Brazile*
14 KEVIN C. BRAZILE
15 Presiding Judge
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28