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PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR EXTENDS JUDICIAL EMERGENCY CONTINUANCES FOR CRIMINAL, JUVENILE DEPENDENCY MATTERS IN NEW GENERAL ORDER

Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor today announced a new General Order extending last-day deadlines for Criminal trials and specified hearings, 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.

"While the number of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County has decreased and the number of persons being vaccinated against the coronavirus is increasing, the Court's priority remains safe access to justice," Presiding Judge Taylor said. "The Court will continue to limit the number of persons in its courthouses and require compliance with mandatory mask and social distancing protocols."

The Order, which is attached, provides emergency relief as follows:

Criminal:

- 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.
- 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 **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.
- Extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.
- Extends by 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held sooner and the

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**GENERAL ORDER
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defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody Misdemeanor pretrial hearings set on **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.

Juvenile Dependency:

- 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 **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.
- 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 **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.

The Court also orders:

Courthouse Access and Remote Appearances:

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.

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

Face Coverings:

In accordance with [Amended General Order 2021-GEN-009-02](#) issued on February 25, 2021, all persons 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 California Department of Public Health [Guidance Concerning the Use of Face Coverings](#) issued on June 18, 2020, are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment.

These health and safety requirements are part of the Court's *Here For You | Safe For You* initiative, which 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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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

While the number of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County have decreased and the number of persons being vaccinated against the coronavirus is increasing, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (LASC or Court) must remain vigilant about operating safely. Among other things, it will continue to limit the number of persons in its courthouses and continue to enforce its mask and social distancing protocols.

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

1 **2. Face Coverings:**

2 In accordance with [Amended General Order 2021-009-02](#) amended this day, all persons
3 are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while in a courthouse.
4 Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings compliant with
5 the California Department of Public Health [Guidance Concerning the Use of Face](#)
6 [Coverings](#) issued on June 18, 2020, are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule](#)
7 [1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or
8 appointment.

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

10 a. Juvenile Dependency

- 11 i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and
12 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
13 proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days,
14 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire
15 from **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.
- 16 ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and
17 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
18 proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days,
19 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire
20 from **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.

21 b. Criminal

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

2 ii. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for
3 the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases
4 in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would
5 expire from **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.

6 iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on
7 **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.

8 iv. The Court extends by 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held sooner
9 and the defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody misdemeanor
10 pretrial hearings set on **February 27, 2021 to March 26, 2021**, inclusive.
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12 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**
13 **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, OR UNTIL ITS PROVISIONS EXPIRE BY THEIR TERMS,**
14 **ARE RESCINDED, AMENDED, OR ARE SUPERSEDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDERS.**
15 **THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

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

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20 DATED: February 25, 2021



21 *Eric C. Taylor*
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23 ERIC C. TAYLOR
24 Presiding Judge
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