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

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

9 a. Juvenile Dependency

- 10 i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and
11 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
12 proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days,
13 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire
14 from **March 27, 2021, to April 23, 2021**, inclusive.
- 15 ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and
16 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
17 proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days,
18 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire
19 from **March 27, 2021, to April 23, 2021**, inclusive.

20 b. Criminal

- 21 i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide Emergency](#)
22 [Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California
23 and Chair of the Judicial Council which the Court implemented in its [General Order](#)
24 [No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2, 2020, and until further notice, the Court
25 extends the time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a
26 preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from 10 court days to
27 not more than 30 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 **March 27, 2021, to April 23, 2021**, inclusive.
- iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **March 27, 2021, to April 23, 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 **March 27, 2021, to April 23, 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 THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 25, 2021



Eric C. Taylor

 ERIC C. TAYLOR
 Presiding Judge