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## **PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR EXTENDS GENERAL ORDER FOR CRIMINAL TRIALS, PRELIMINARY HEARINGS BY ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS AS COVID-19 CASES SURGE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

In the face of rising COVID-19 infection in Los Angeles County and throughout the nation, Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor today announced he has elected to utilize two additional weeks of relief previously granted earlier this month to him by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye for Criminal trials and preliminary hearings. Today's Order extends deadlines for applicable cases – set to expire on July 30, 2021 – until August 13, 2021.

"Health and safety are the Court's top priorities," Presiding Judge Taylor said. "As the Court seeks to balance its obligation to maintain access to justice with its commitment to safeguard the well-being of court users, it is imperative that all court users monitor and comply with public health mandates and the Court's mandatory face mask requirement. Everyone who seeks as well as those who assist in delivering justice in our courthouses must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth. We must protect ourselves and each other during this fourth COVID-19 surge in our county. We will continue to closely monitor this public health crisis and respond accordingly."

On July 16, 2021, Presiding Judge Taylor issued a General Order that implemented only some of the relief the Chief Justice granted the Court under Government Code section

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68115 and Penal Code section 1382. He then amended that General Order on July 19, 2021, in response to judicial feedback about the need to extend preliminary hearing time periods under Penal Code section 859b. The Court, mindful of the widespread community transmission of the more infectious Delta variant and the continued dramatic increase in reported COVID-19 cases in LA County in the last two weeks, extends General Order No. 2021-GEN-027-01 as follows:

**Face Coverings:**

In accordance with [Amended General Order 2021-GEN-023-00](#), all persons – regardless of vaccination status – 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 guidance are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment. A list of ADA liaisons is available at <http://www.lacourt.org/ada/adahome.aspx>.

**Clerk’s Office and Self-Help Center Appointments:**

In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users, persons seeking services from the Clerk’s Office, court support services, and/or the Self-Help Centers are encouraged to schedule appointments. 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).

The Order, which is attached, extends:

**Criminal:**

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of

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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 **July 17, 2021**, to **August 13, 2021**, inclusive.

- (iii) By 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **July 17, 2021**, to **August 13, 2021**, inclusive.
- (iv) 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 **July 17, 2021**, to **August 13, 2021**, inclusive.

**Juvenile Dependency:**

- (i) 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 **July 17, 2021**, to **August 13, 2021**, inclusive; and
- (ii) 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 **July 17, 2021**, to **August 13, 2021**, inclusive.

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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

**AMENDED GENERAL ORDER**

Effective June 28, 2021, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (Court) lifted its social distancing mandate but retained its mask mandate. In the intervening time, Los Angeles County has experienced a dramatic increase in reported COVID-19 cases that prompted the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to issue more restrictive indoor mask policies for all persons, regardless of vaccination status. As the Court seeks to balance its obligation to maintain access to justice with its commitment to safeguard the well-being of court users, it is imperative that all court users monitor and comply with public health mandates.

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

**1. Clerk's Office and Self-Help Center Appointments:**

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**2. Face Coverings:**

In accordance with [General Order 2021-GEN-023-00](#), all persons – regardless of vaccination status – are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while

1 in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings  
2 compliant with the Guidance, are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of  
3 the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment.

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

5 a. Juvenile Dependency

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

16 b. Criminal

17 **On July 16, 2021, the Court issued a general order that implemented only some**  
18 **of the relief the Chief Justice granted the Court under Government Code section**  
19 **68115 for Penal Code section 1382. It amended that General Order on July 19,**  
20 **2021, in response to feedback about the need to extend preliminary hearing time**  
21 **periods under Penal Code section 859b. The Court, mindful of the continued**  
22 **dramatic increase in reported COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County in the last**  
23 **two weeks, finds good cause to extend General Order No. 2021-GEN-027-01 as**  
24 **follows:**

- 25 i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide](#)  
26 [Emergency Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief  
27 Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council, which the Court  
28 implemented in its [General Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2,

2020, and until August 13, 2021, 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.

- 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 July 17, 2021, to August 13, 2021, inclusive.
- iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on July 17, 2021, to August 13, 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 July 17, 2021, to August 13, 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: July 29, 2021



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