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## **PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR ISSUES NEW GENERAL ORDER EXTENDING CERTAIN CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE DEADLINES AS COVID SURGE CONTINUES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor received emergency authority from Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye to help combat and operationalize the impact of the recent COVID-19 surge. Consequently, Presiding Judge Taylor today issued a new General Order extending certain Criminal deadlines by two (2) weeks and certain Juvenile deadlines by four (4) weeks as Los Angeles County continues to experience community spread of COVID-19. Although the emergency authority granted authorizes Presiding Judge Taylor to order extensions for up to 30 days, the Court's approach has been to order shorter extensions, thereby allowing it to reevaluate emerging developments in countywide COVID-19 infections and health department guidance. This measured approach enables the Court to evaluate court operations and to take into account the needs and input of its justice partners. The Order enables the Court to continue its measured expansion of Civil and Criminal jury trials as the Court works cautiously to return operations and access to justice to pre-pandemic levels, while remaining mindful of the continued public health threat the Delta variant of COVID-19 poses.

"The public health threat posed by the COVID-19 virus remains present in Los Angeles County," Presiding Judge Taylor said. "This Order will enable the Court to maintain our

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careful approach to scaling up court operations while continuing to closely follow emerging public health guidance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Meanwhile, we continue to encourage parties to make remote appearances whenever possible and to follow all COVID-19 protocols in place in our facilities, including mask wearing. Additional safety and remote appearance information is available on our website at [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org)."

**Face Coverings:**

In addition to the General Order announced today, Presiding Judge Taylor reminds court users that 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, until **August 27, 2021**.

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- (ii) 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 **August 14, 2021**, to **August 27, 2021**, inclusive.
- (iii) By 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **August 14, 2021**, to **August 27, 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 **August 14, 2021**, to **August 27, 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 **August 14, 2021**, to **September 11, 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 **August 14, 2021**, to **September 11, 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

**GENERAL ORDER**

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County (Court) lifted its social distancing mandate on June 28, 2021, but retained its mask mandate for the protection of its users, judicial officers, and personnel. 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 comply with the Court's mask mandate and that they 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

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

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

6 a. Juvenile Dependency

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

17 b. Criminal

- 18 i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide Emergency](#)  
19 [Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California  
20 and Chair of the Judicial Council, which the Court implemented in its [General](#)  
21 [Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2, 2020, and **until August 27, 2021**,  
22 the Court extends the time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for the  
23 holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from 10  
24 court days to not more than 30 court days.
- 25 ii. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for  
26 the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases  
27 in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would  
28 expire from **August 14, 2021, to August 27, 2021**, inclusive.

1           iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on  
2           **August 14, 2021, to August 27, 2021, inclusive.**

3           iv. The Court extends by 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held sooner  
4           and the defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody misdemeanor  
5           pretrial hearings set on **August 14, 2021, to August 27, 2021, inclusive.**

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7           **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**  
8           **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, OR UNTIL ITS PROVISIONS EXPIRE BY THEIR TERMS,**  
9           **ARE RESCINDED, AMENDED, OR ARE SUPERSEDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDERS.**

10           **THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

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

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14 DATED: August 13, 2021



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16           ERIC C. TAYLOR  
17           Presiding Judge