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## PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR ISSUES NEW GENERAL ORDER EXTENDING CERTAIN DEADLINES FOR CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE MATTERS

Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor today announced a new General Order to extend certain Criminal and Juvenile case deadlines as the Court upholds its measured approach to provide safe access to justice amid the ongoing pandemic and subsequent winter surge. The Order, issued under the authority of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye under Government Code section 68115, extends deadlines of Criminal trials and preliminary hearings by two weeks to February 11, 2022 and extends certain Juvenile Dependency case deadlines by four weeks to February 25, 2022.

"While the number of new COVID-positive cases in LA County has declined over the last several days, case rates remain high along with the number of hospitalizations" Presiding Judge Taylor said. "The Court continues to work with our justice partners to get through this surge together to prioritize safe access to justice. I will continue to consult closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on changing case and hospitalization trends as we look forward to getting beyond this Omicron surge."

The Order, which is attached, extends deadlines as follows:

### **CRIMINAL**

- (i) 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

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- (ii) more than 30 court days, from **January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022**, inclusive.
- (iii) 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 **January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022**, inclusive.
- (iv) Extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022**, inclusive.
- (v) 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 **January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022**, 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 **January 29, 2022, to February 25, 2022**, 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 **January 29, 2022, to February 25, 2022**, inclusive.

The Order also states that 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 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>.

In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users, persons seeking services from the

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Clerk's Office and court support services 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).

Presiding Judge Taylor also strongly encourages litigants and attorneys to appear remotely for their hearing using the Court's LACourtConnect system. To register to appear remotely, visit [lacourt.org/lacc/](http://lacourt.org/lacc/) to learn more and start the registration process. Video appearances are strongly encouraged.

For more information, follow the Court on Twitter ([@LASuperiorCourt](#)) and visit the Court's website ([LACourt.org](http://LACourt.org)).

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13 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

14 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE  
15 PRESIDING JUDGE RE COVID-19  
16 PANDEMIC

17 **GENERAL ORDER**

18 In its continuing efforts to balance its obligation to maintain access to justice with its  
19 commitment to safeguard the well-being of court users during the COVID-19 pandemic, the  
20 **SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS**  
21 **FOLLOWES:**

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

23 In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users, persons seeking services  
24 from the Clerk's Office, court support services, and/or the Self-Help Centers are  
25 encouraged to schedule appointments. For telephone or video assistance, or [to schedule](#)  
26 [an appointment](#), the telephone number for each courthouse is listed at the courthouse  
27 entry and posted on the Court's website, [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org).

28 2. **Face Coverings:**

29 In accordance with [General Order 2021-GEN-023-00](#), all persons – regardless of  
30 vaccination status – are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while  
31 in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings  
32 compliant with the Guidance, are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of  
33 the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment.

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

2       a. Criminal Division

- 3           i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide Emergency](#)  
4           [Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California  
5           and Chair of the Judicial Council, which the Court implemented in its [General](#)  
6           [Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2, 2020, and **until February 11, 2022**,  
7           the Court extends the time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for  
8           the holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from  
9           10 court days to not more than 30 court days.
- 10          ii. The Court extends the time provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the  
11           holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in  
12           which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would  
13           expire from **January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022**, inclusive.
- 14          iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports due from  
15           **January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022**, inclusive.
- 16          iv. The Court extends by 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held sooner  
17           and the defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody misdemeanor  
18           pretrial hearings set on **January 29, 2022 to February 11, 2022**, inclusive.

19       b. Juvenile Dependency

- 20          i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and  
21           Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency  
22           proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days,  
23           applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire  
24           from **January 29, 2022 to February 25, 2022**, inclusive.
- 25          ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and  
26           Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency  
27           proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days,

1 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire  
2 from **January 29, 2022, to February 25, 2022**, inclusive.  
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4 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**  
5 **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, OR UNTIL ITS PROVISIONS EXPIRE BY THEIR TERMS,**  
6 **ARE RESCINDED, AMENDED, OR ARE SUPERSEDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDERS.**

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

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

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10 DATED: January 27, 2022  
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14 Presiding Judge  
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