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PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR ISSUES ORDER AUTHORIZING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY CONTINUANCES FOR CRIMINAL, JUVENILE DEPENDENCY MATTERS BASED ON HIGH NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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.

"The Court continues to prioritize health and safety while fulfilling our legislative and constitutional mandates," Presiding Judge Taylor said. "For nearly a year, the Court has fully complied with CDC and County public health guidelines, prioritizing a broad range of public health and safety protocols. Judicial officers are encouraging remote appearances whenever possible and exercising their sound discretion to manage calendars to minimize the risk of exposure to everyone who works or appears in our courtrooms."

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 **January 29, 2021 to February 26, 2021**, inclusive.
- Extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **January 29, 2021 to February 26, 2021**, inclusive.

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GENERAL ORDER

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- 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, 2021 to February 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 **January 29, 2021 to February 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 **January 29, 2021 to February 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 2020-GEN-016-02](#) issued on October 13, 2020, 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

As the number of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County remain at dangerous levels, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (LASC or Court) must remain vigilant about operating safely.

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.

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1 coverings compliant with the California Department of Public Health [Guidance](#)
2 [Concerning the Use of Face Coverings](#) issued on June 18, 2020, are urged to seek an
3 accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their
4 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
8 and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending
9 dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than
10 seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline
11 would otherwise expire from **January 29, 2021 to February 26, 2021**,
12 inclusive.

13 ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare
14 and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending
15 dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than
16 seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline
17 would otherwise expire from **January 29, 2021 to February 26, 2021**,
18 inclusive.

19 b. Criminal

20 i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide](#)
21 [Emergency Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief
22 Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council which the Court
23 implemented in its [General Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April
24 2, 2020, and until further notice, the Court extends the time provided by
25 section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary
26 examination and the defendant's right to release from 10 court days to not
27 more than 30 court days.
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- 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 **January 29, 2021** to **February 26, 2021**, inclusive.
- iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **January 29, 2021 to February 26, 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 **January 29, 2021 to February 26, 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: January 28, 2021



Eric C. Taylor

 ERIC C. TAYLOR
 Presiding Judge