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## **PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR ISSUES NEW GENERAL ORDER EXTENDING CERTAIN CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE DEADLINES AS COVID TRANSMISSION REMAINS HIGH IN LA COUNTY**

Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor today announced a new General Order to extend certain Criminal and Juvenile deadlines as the Court balances access to justice with its commitment to safeguard the well-being of court users. Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye granted the Los Angeles Superior Court's application for relief, which will assist the Court to safely continue its careful restoration of court operations as the highly infectious Delta variant continues to spread in LA County.

"Although Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye graciously granted our application to provide the Court authority to order certain Criminal extensions for up to 30 days, we continue to exercise that authority sparingly, and in stages, in the hope that we may soon not use the authority," Presiding Judge Taylor said. "We continue to monitor infections and our ability to provide access to justice unfettered by the impact of the virus on court operations. I am implementing a 2-week extension to cautiously assess countywide COVID-19 trends. As the Court addresses case backlogs and seeks to restore court operations to pre-pandemic levels, we will remain vigilant in our efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Court continues to urge everyone to follow all COVID-19

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protocols in our courthouses.”

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

**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 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 **September 12, 2021**, to **September 26, 2021**, inclusive.
- (iii) By 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **September 12, 2021**, to **September 26, 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 **September 12, 2021**, to **September 26, 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 **September 12, 2021**, to **October 9, 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 **September 12, 2021**, to **October 9, 2021**, inclusive.

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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 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).

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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE  
PRESIDING JUDGE RE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC

**GENERAL ORDER**

In its continuing efforts to balance its obligation to maintain access to justice with its commitment to safeguard the well-being of court users, the **SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. 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).

**2. Face Coverings:**

In accordance with [General Order No. 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.

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

2           a. Juvenile Dependency

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

13          b. Criminal

- 14                  i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide Emergency](#)  
15                  [Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California  
16                  and Chair of the Judicial Council, which the Court implemented in its [General](#)  
17                  [Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2, 2020, and **until September 26,**  
18                  **2021**, the Court extends the time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for  
19                  the holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from  
20                  10 court days to not more than 30 court days.
- 21                  ii. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for  
22                  the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases  
23                  in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would  
24                  expire from **September 12, 2021 to September 26, 2021**, inclusive.
- 25                  iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on  
26                  **September 12, 2021 to September 26, 2021**, inclusive.

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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 **September 12, 2021 to September 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: September 10, 2021



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

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