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## **PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR ISSUES GENERAL ORDER EXTENDING CERTAIN JUVENILE DEADLINES**

Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor today announced a new General Order to extend certain Juvenile deadlines through March 25, 2022. The General Order is issued under the authority granted by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye pursuant to Government Code section 68115.

“While the winter surge has subsided in LA County with a decrease in Omicron cases, test positivity and hospitalizations, the Court continues to need extensions for certain Juvenile Dependency matters and to address potential operational stresses caused by pandemic-related inventories,” Presiding Judge Taylor said. “Although the Chief Justice granted our Court’s application for authority to extend Criminal trial deadlines as well, I will not implement this authority unless needed as we work with our justice partners to normalize Criminal operations and to provide timely access to justice.”

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

### **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

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**NEW GENERAL ORDER  
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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 **February 26, 2022**, to **March 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 **February 26, 2022**, to **March 25, 2022**, inclusive.

In accordance with [General Order 2021-GEN-023-00](#), all persons – regardless of vaccination status – are required to wear face masks over their nose and mouth while in a courthouse. Children under the age of two are exempt. Court employees and judicial officers must wear masks inside courthouses. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face masks 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>.

The Court continues to encourage people seeking services from the Clerk’s Office and court support services 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, <https://www.lacourt.org/>.

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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 Los Angeles County emerges from the most recent surge in COVID-19 cases, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County continues to balance its obligation to maintain access to justice with its commitment to safeguard the well-being of court users during the COVID-19 pandemic. To that end, the **COURT HEREBY 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 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.

1           **3. Judicial Emergency Order Continuances for Juvenile Dependency**

- 2           i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and  
3           Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency  
4           proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days,  
5           applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire  
6           from **February 26, 2022, to March 25, 2022**, inclusive.
- 7           ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and  
8           Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency  
9           proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days,  
10          applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire  
11          from **February 26, 2022, to March 25, 2022**, inclusive.

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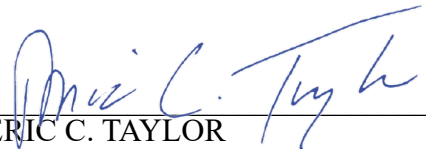
13           **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**  
14           **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, OR UNTIL ITS PROVISIONS EXPIRE BY THEIR TERMS,**  
15           **ARE RESCINDED, AMENDED, OR ARE SUPERSEDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDERS.**  
16           **THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**  
17           **GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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20           DATED: February 25, 2022



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22           ERIC C. TAYLOR  
23           Presiding Judge