

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

IMPLEMENTATION ORDER REGARDING
TIME FRAMES IN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL
MATTERS PURSUANT TO MARCH 30,
2020, STATEWIDE ORDER OF CHIEF
JUSTICE

On March 17, 2020, upon request of the Court, Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued an Emergency Order authorizing the Court to take certain actions pursuant to Government Code section 68115. The relief afforded in that Emergency Order expired on April 3, 2020.

On April 3, 2020, upon further request of the Court, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye issued a second Emergency Order authorizing the Court to take certain actions pursuant to Government Code section 68115, in recognition of the fact that the Court remains closed in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In light of the foregoing, the Court ORDERS:

1. Sessions of the Court may be held anywhere in Alameda County, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities, as may be further directed by the Presiding Judge.
2. For purposes of computing time for filing papers with the Court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, from April 6, 2020, to May 1, 2020,

inclusive, are deemed holidays for all purposes other than filing applications for Temporary Restraining Orders and/or emergency requests for relief in Family Law or Probate matters, or filing papers responsive to those filings.

3. Notwithstanding the above-ordered holiday period, the Court intends through future General Orders to expand the types of filings that will be accepted and matters that will be heard, as Court resources permit.

4. For purposes of computing time under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657, from April 6, 2020, to May 1, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays.

5. All temporary restraining orders—including those that were already extended as a result of the March 17, 2020, Order issued by Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye in response to the March 16, 2020, request by the Court for an emergency order—that would otherwise expire from April 6, 2020, to May 24, 2020, inclusive, are hereby extended by 30 days from the date on which they otherwise would have expired.

6. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 6, 2020, to May 1, 2020, inclusive, the time period 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 is hereby extended by 7 days.

7. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 6, 2020, to May 1, 2020, inclusive, the time period 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 is hereby extended by 7 days.

8. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 6, 2020, to May 1, 2020, inclusive, the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and charged with a felony must be given a detention hearing or rehearing is hereby extended by 7 days.

9. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 6, 2020, to May 1, 2020, inclusive, the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held is hereby extended by 15 days.

10. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 6, 2020, to May 1, 2020, inclusive, the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must be held is hereby extended by 15 days.

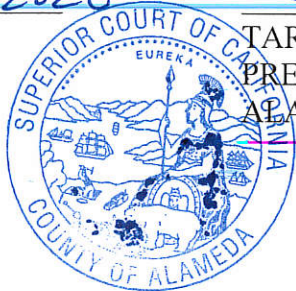
11. Notwithstanding the time extensions ordered above in paragraphs 6 through 10, the Court will endeavor to calendar juvenile hearings sooner than indicated above, as Court resources permit.


12. The relief ordered above is temporary, intended to address the current COVID-19 crisis as it poses a challenge to court proceedings.

13. The Court reserves the authority to rescind or modify this order, as appropriate, to address changing circumstances.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

DATED: 4/3/2020




TARA M. DESAUTELS
PRESIDING JUDGE
ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT