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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO  
CENTRAL DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE ) GENERAL ORDER  
PRESIDING JUDGE RE COVID-19 )  
PANDEMIC )  
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15 Because of the COVID-19 pandemic causing numerous health and  
16 safety concerns, and the proclamations of a state of emergency by  
17 Governor Newsom and President Trump, it has been determined that  
18 the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code  
19 are met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of  
20 Fresno.

21 Exercising the authority granted under Government Code  
22 section 68115 and the March 17, 2020 Order of Chief Justice Tani  
23 G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California,  
24 issued in response to the March 17, 2020 request for an emergency  
25 order made by the Superior Court of Fresno County ("Court"),  
26 through Arlan L. Harrell, the Presiding Judge of the Court,  
27 this Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- 28 1. From March 19, 2020 until April 3, 2020, inclusive, all

1 courtrooms will remain closed for judicial business, except for  
2 the following time-sensitive and essential functions:

- 3 a. Temporary Restraining Orders in Civil or Family  
4 Law,
- 5 b. Ex Parte Proceedings in Civil, Criminal, Family, or  
6 Probate Law,
- 7 c. Family Law Contempt Proceedings where Custody is at  
8 Issue,
- 9 d. Family Law Proceedings where termination of  
10 parental rights are at issue,
- 11 e. Hague Convention (International Kidnapping),
- 12 f. Emergency Probate Petitions for Temporary  
13 Conservatorship or Guardianship,
- 14 g. Reize Hearings,
- 15 h. Search Warrants,
- 16 i. Arraignments,
- 17 j. Criminal Preliminary Hearings,
- 18 k. Bail Bond and Cash Bond Processing,
- 19 l. Bail Review,
- 20 m. Criminal Mental Competency Hearings,
- 21 n. Criminal sentencing proceedings,
- 22 o. Criminal Jury Trials, if currently in progress,
- 23 p. Criminal Jury Trials, where there is no consent to  
24 continuance and enhanced statutory limits (see below),
- 25 q. Juvenile Restraining Orders, Delinquency and  
26 Dependency Detention Hearings and related case processing,
- 27 r. Petitions for Emergency relief in Misdemeanor,  
28 limited civil, and infractions,

1           s.    Writs of Habeas Corpus challenging medical  
2 quarantines.

3           **2.    NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING**  
4 **UNLAWFUL DETAINER AND SMALL CLAIMS CASES, HAVE BEEN CONTINUED BY**  
5 **THE COURT.** The parties shall receive further notice stating the  
6 specific time and date of the continuance in their cases;

7           3.    For purposes of computing time under Penal Code section  
8 825, and Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334,  
9 631, 632, 637, and 657, from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020,  
10 inclusive, are deemed holidays (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5));

11          4.    In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
12 expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, any judge  
13 of the Court may extend the time periods provided in sections  
14 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an  
15 action to trial by **not more than 15 days** (Gov. Code, §  
16 68115(a)(6));

17          5.    Any judge of the Court may extend by **not more than 15**  
18 **days** the duration of any temporary restraining order that would  
19 otherwise expire from March 17, 2020 to March 30, 2020, inclusive,  
20 because the emergency condition described in the Order prevented  
21 the Court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a  
22 permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7));

23          6.    In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
24 expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, any judge  
25 of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 825 of  
26 the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony  
27 offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to **not**  
28 **more than seven days** (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8));

1           7. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
2 expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, any judge  
3 of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 859b  
4 of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination  
5 from 10 court days to **not more than 15 court days** (Gov. Code, §  
6 68115(a)(9));

7           8. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
8 expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, any judge  
9 of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 1382  
10 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by **not more**  
11 **than 30 days** (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10));

12           9. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
13 expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, any judge  
14 of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 313 of  
15 the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into  
16 custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from  
17 custody to **not more than seven days** (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

18           10. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
19 expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, any judge  
20 of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 315 of  
21 the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into  
22 custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention  
23 hearing to **not more than seven days** (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

24           11. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
25 expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, any judge  
26 of the Court may extend the time periods provided in sections 632  
27 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor  
28 taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and charged with a

1 felony must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to **not more**  
2 **than seven days** (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

3 12. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
4 expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, any judge  
5 of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 334 of  
6 the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a  
7 juvenile dependency petition must be held by **not more than seven**  
8 **days** (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)); and

9 13. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would  
10 expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, any judge  
11 of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 657 of  
12 the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a  
13 wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must  
14 be held by **not more than 15 days** (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)).

15 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

16 DATED this 18th day of March, 2020.

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20 ARLAN L. HARRELL  
21 PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
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