



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**Kim M. Bartleson, CCE**  
Court Executive Officer/  
Jury Commissioner

**Joyce D. Hinrichs**  
Presiding Judge

**March 18, 2020**

**\*\*\*\*\*IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\*\***

**PRESIDING JUDGE JOYCE D. HINRICHS ISSUES  
IMPLEMENTATION ORDER TO CONTINUE ALL  
NONEMERGENCY MATTERS FOR 30 DAYS DUE TO  
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

**All Civil and Criminal Trials are Suspended through April 16, 2020**

**Order will Keep the Court Open for Emergency and Essential Matters**

**No Jurors are to Report Until April 16, 2020**

Presiding Judge Joyce D. Hinrichs today issued an implementation order pursuant to the emergency powers granted to her yesterday by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye under Government Code Section 68115.

“This order will allow us to comply with social distancing and to prevent the spread of the virus within our community,” Presiding Judge Hinrichs said. “The Court will reopen Friday, March 20, only for in-custody arraignments and Bail/OR hearings, and will reopen Monday, March 23, for other emergency and essential matters to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.”

Presiding Judge Hinrichs reminds the public that, while court proceedings are open to the public, there are restrictions in place to reduce the number of individuals in the courtroom to comply with gatherings of no more than 10 people, with appropriate social distancing. “Please do not come to the courthouse unless you are advised to be here by your attorney or, if you represent yourself you have checked in with Court Staff. In

many situations you may be able to appear by telephone or your attorney can appear for you.” Hearings that are proceeding to evidentiary hearing will be set at a specific time to reduce the number of individuals waiting in our hallways.” Presiding Judge Hinrichs added, “Do not come to the courthouse if you feel ill in any way or if you are in a high-risk category.”

As one final reminder, Presiding Judge Hinrichs added that no jurors should report, and no additional prospective jurors will be summoned for jury service for 30 days.

Over the next few days, there will be additional news releases explaining in further detail the specifics of how the Superior Court of Humboldt is scaling back judicial and court resources in response to the current public health crisis. The order is attached. For the latest updates, please check the Court’s website at [www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov](http://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov).

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:  
IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY  
RELIEF AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE §68115 BY CHAIR OF  
JUDICIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: 2020-002

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:  
IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY  
RELIEF AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE §68115 BY CHAIR  
OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic resulting in the Governor's Declaration of a State of  
Emergency and the need to protect the health and safety of the public and court personnel and  
exercising the authority granted under *Government Code* §68115 and the March 13, 2020  
Order ("Order") of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of  
California, issued in response to the March 16, 2020 request for an emergency order made by  
the Superior Court of Humboldt County ("Court"), this Court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS**  
**AS FOLLOWS:**

1       1. The Humboldt Superior Court will be completely closed from Tuesday, March 17, 2020,  
2 through March 19, 2020. Although Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye deemed March 20, 2020,  
3 a holiday (in addition to March 17, 2020, through March 19, 2020) for purposes of computing  
4 time for filing papers, the Humboldt Superior Court will be open on March 20, 2020, for in-  
5 custody arraignments only. Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, and continuing for at least 30  
6 days thereafter, and possibly until the end of the state of emergency, Humboldt Superior Court  
7 will conduct limited hearings and limited Court operations.

8       2. For purposes of computing for filing papers under *Code of Civil Procedure* §§12 and  
9 12a, March 17, 2020 to March 20, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays, (*Gov. Code*,  
10 §68115(a)(4)). For purposes of computing time for filing papers under *Code of Civil Procedure*  
11 §§12 and 12a, March 20, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays, except for  
12 filings related to the limited operations of the Court set forth herein (*Gov. Code*, §68115(a)(4));

13       3. For purposes of computing time under *Penal Code* §825 and *Welfare and Institutions*  
14 *Code* §§313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657, March 17, 2020, to March 19, 2020, inclusive,  
15 are deemed holidays (*Gov. Code* §68115(a)(5));

16       4. Any judge of the Court may extend the time periods provided in §§583.310 and 583.320  
17 of the *Code of Civil Procedure* to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days, applicable  
18 only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to  
19 April 16, 2020, inclusive (*Gov. Code*, §68115(a)(6));

20       5. Any judge of the Court may extend by not more than 33 days the duration of any  
21 temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 17, 2020, to  
22 April 16, 2020, inclusive, because the emergency condition described herein prevented the  
23 Court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered  
24 (*Gov. Code*, §68115(a)(7));

25       6. Any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided in §825 of the *Penal Code*

1 within which an in-custody defendant charged with a criminal offense must be taken before a  
2 magistrate from 48 hours to not more than 7 days, applicable to cases in which the statutory  
3 deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (*Gov. Code*,  
4 §68115(a)(8));

5 7. Any judge may extend the time period provided in §859b of the *Penal Code* for the  
6 holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court days to not more than 15 court days,  
7 applicable only to cases which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from  
8 March 17, 2020, to March 20, 2020, inclusive (*Gov. Code*, §68115(a)(9));

9 8. Any judge may extend the time period provided in §1382 of the *Penal Code* for the  
10 holding of a criminal Trial by not more than 20 days, applicable only to cases in which the  
11 statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive  
12 (*Gov. Code*, §68115(a)(10));

13 9. Any judge may extend the time period provided in §313 of the *Welfare and Institutions*  
14 *Code* within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be  
15 released from custody to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory  
16 deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive. (*Gov. Code*,  
17 §68115(a)(11));

18 10. Any judge may extend the period provided in §315 of the *Welfare and Institutions Code*  
19 within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a  
20 detention hearing to not more than 7 days applicable only to minors for whom the statutory  
21 deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive. (*Gov. Code*,  
22 §68115(a)(11));

23 11. Any judge may extend the time periods provided in §§632 and 637 of the *Welfare and*  
24 *Institutions Code* within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and  
25 charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than

1 3 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from  
2 March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (*Gov. Code*, §68115(a)(11));

3 12. Any judge may extend the time period provided in §334 of the *Welfare and Institutions*  
4 *Code* within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than  
5 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from  
6 March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (*Gov. Code*, §68115(a)(12)); and,

7 13. Any judge may extend the time period provided in §657 of the *Welfare and Institutions*  
8 *Code* within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense  
9 must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory  
10 deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (*Gov. Code*,  
11 §68115(a)(12)).

12 Further, based upon the Court's inherent authority to control its own calendars and the  
13 Presiding Judge's duty to take into account the needs of the public and Court as they relate to  
14 the efficient and effective management of the Court's calendar, (*California Rules of Court*, rule  
15 10.603(c)), this Court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

16 14. Any judge may continue the time for Family Law Request for Orders Hearings for up to  
17 21 days;

18 15. Any judge may continue Family Law Trials, Mandatory Settlement Conferences &  
19 Status Conferences for up to 42 days;

20 16. Any judge may continue Civil Law & Motion Hearings, Short Cause Matters and Trials  
21 and Trials de Novo for up to 30 days;

22 17. Any judge may continue all Civil Long Cause Jury & Non-Jury Trials and Courtroom 4  
23 Case Management Matters for up to 60 days; and,

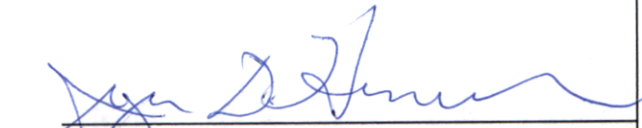
24 18. Any judge may extend the time for arraignment for out-of-custody misdemeanors and  
25 infractions for up to 60 days.

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THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2020, NUNC PRO TUNC AND WILL  
REMAIN IN EFFECT UP TO AND THROUGH APRIL 16, 2020, AND MAY BE AMENDED AS  
CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 18, 2020



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JOYCE D. HINRICHS  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California  
County of Humboldt

## THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in the substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of a states of emergency by federal, state and local officials, it has been determined that the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code are met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. Upon the request of Presiding Judge Joyce Hinrichs, it is ordered that the Superior Court of Humboldt County is authorized to do the following:

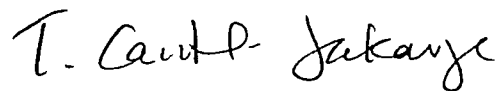
- Declare that from March 17, 2020, to March 20, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4));
- Declare that from March 17, 2020, to March 20, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Penal Code section 825 and Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657 (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5));
- Extend the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6));
- Extend by not more than 30 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive, because the emergency condition described herein prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7));
- Extend the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than seven days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8));



- Extend the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court days to not more than 15 court days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 17, 2020, to March 20, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(9));
- Extend 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 statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10));
- Extend 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 to not more than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend 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 to not more than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend 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 offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend 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 by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)); and

- Extend 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 by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 17, 2020, to April 16, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)).

Date: March 17, 2020



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Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye  
Chief Justice of California and  
Chair of the Judicial Council