

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of states of emergency by Governor Newsom and President Trump, it was determined that the conditions described in section 68115(a) of the Government Code were met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of Madera as of March 17, 2020, and March 26, 2020. Orders issued on those dates at the request of Presiding Judge Dale J. Blea authorizing the Court to implement relief authorized by section 68115. Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Blea, it is determined that the conditions described in section 68115(a) continue to exist (Gov. Code, § 68115(b)), and it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

- Hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities from April 20, 2020, to May 19, 2020, inclusive. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1).)
- Declare that any dates from April 20, 2020, to May 19, 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).)
- 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 five (5) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11).) This applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 20, 2020, to May 19, 2020, inclusive.
- 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 five (5) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11).) This applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 20, 2020, to May 19, 2020, inclusive.

- 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 five (5) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11).) This applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 20, 2020, to May 19, 2020, inclusive.
- 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 fifteen (15) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12).) This applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 20, 2020, to May 19, 2020, inclusive.
- 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 fifteen (15) days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12).) This applies only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 20, 2020, to May 19, 2020, inclusive.

Date: April 20, 2020



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