

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 federal, state, and local officials, it was determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) were met with regard to the Superior Court of Merced County (Court) on four prior occasions: March 18, 2020, March 20, 2020, April 13, 2020, and May 19, 2020. At the request of Presiding Judge Donald J. Proietti, orders issued on those dates authorizing the Court to implement certain relief provided for in section 68115(a). Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Proietti, 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 June 11, 2020, through July 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1));
- Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than an additional 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the original statutory deadline otherwise would expire from June 16, 2020, through September 15, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10)).

Date: June 11, 2020



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