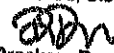


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BY: R. Bracken, Deputy Clerk

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE
SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT
MISCELLANEOUS ORDER M-2026-10**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION AND ORDER PERMITTING MEDICAL/NURSING
ASSESSMENTS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR MINORS
TAKEN INTO TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY THE ORANGE COUNTY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY OF ORANGE SOCIAL
SERVICES AGENCY AND HOUSED IN THEIR FACILITIES**

TO: DIRECTOR, ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH CARE AGENCY

Minors taken into temporary custody by the County of Orange Social Services Agency may be housed at the Orangewood Children and Family Center. Minors taken into temporary custody by the Orange County Probation Department are housed at Orange County Juvenile Hall.

In order to ensure the minors' medical health, safety, and well-being, to determine the medical care required by the minors, if any, and to reduce the risk of exposure to illness and/or communicable diseases by other youth and adults who come into contact with the minors while in custody, it is necessary that appropriate medical/nursing assessments be performed on these minors upon their entry into such facilities.

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1 In order to ensure the medical well-being of these minors while in custody, it is
2 necessary that appropriate medical, dental, and mental health emergency care be
3 authorized.

4 **FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN THEREFOR, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the
5 Orange County Health Care Agency is authorized to perform a non-invasive, non-
6 investigatory medical/nursing assessment upon minors taken into temporary custody by the
7 Social Services Agency and/or Probation Department for the limited purpose of determining
8 emergency medical needs, including contagious diseases. This assessment may include,
9 but is not limited to:

- 10 1. A comprehensive health assessment and physical examination, including but not
11 limited to, vital statistic measurements for blood pressure, pulse rate, body
12 temperature, respiration rate, oxygen saturation, height, and weight; visual
13 inspection of the eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and throat; and visual and/or auditory
14 inspection of the skin, abdomen, and chest.
- 15 2. Any clinical laboratory tests the physician determines are necessary for the
16 evaluation of the child's health status.
- 17 3. Any test, including blood, urine, saliva, or x-rays the examining physician or
18 dentist determines necessary for the evaluation of the child's health status,
19 including PPD (to detect tuberculosis) and upon consent of the adolescent,
20 sexually active adolescents may be screened for sexually transmitted diseases.
21 Contraceptive devices may be furnished to any juvenile upon the minor's request.
- 22 4. Any prophylactic immunization, as provided in the guidelines of the American
23 Academy of Pediatrics and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
24 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization
25 Practices (ACIP).
- 26 5. A mental health status evaluation and necessary mental health services except
27 no placement in an inpatient psychiatric facility will occur without compliance with
28 Welf. & Inst. Code §§ 319.1, 635.1 and 5150 et seq.

1 6. A dental assessment, including x-rays when appropriate.

2 Such exams shall be provided solely to detect "emergency medical needs and
3 contagious diseases" to thereby "treat children's immediate needs and address potential
4 dangers to other children" from new admittees into temporary custody. (*Mann v. County of*
5 *San Diego* (9th Cir. 2018) 907 F.3d 1154, 1166.)

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Orange County Health Care Agency is
7 authorized to obtain:

- 8 1. Any emergency medical treatment required based on the results of the
9 comprehensive health assessment, and any emergency medical required for the
10 care of illness and injury.
- 11 2. Any necessary mental health services based on the mental health assessment.
- 12 3. Any necessary dental treatment required based on the results of the dental
13 assessment.

14 The foregoing emergency medical care it authorized for a minor who is in need of
15 such care as recommended by a physician, dentist, or mental health professional, and
16 for which there has been no parent/legal guardian located to provide consent, and
17 who cannot otherwise be treated without the authorization of the Juvenile Court. The
18 Social Services Agency and/or Probation Department shall continue their attempts to obtain
19 consent from the minor's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) prior to the administration of such
20 treatment.

21 For minors detained at Orangewood Children and Family Center, the comprehensive
22 health assessment should align with the recommendations by the American Academy of
23 Pediatrics and Child Health Disability Prevention Program and mandated by CCR Title 22,
24 Division 6 Sections 80075, 84069.1, 84269.1 and 84275.

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1 For minors detained at Juvenile Hall, nothing contained herein shall be construed to
2 modify or limit the requirements of the California Board of State and Community
3 Corrections, Title 15 Minimum Standard for Local Detention Facilities sections 1432-1439.

4 Notwithstanding Local Rule 900.1.3, this Order will not expire absent further order of
5 the Court.

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7 Dated this 20th day of May, 2026.

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11 Craig E. Arthur
12 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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