

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:
21- 11 3RD AMENDED
SUPERSEDES 20-19, 20-28 3RD
AMENDED AND 21-11 2ND
AMENDED EFFECTIVE JUNE 21,
2021

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES - COVID-19 PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, reopening the courts of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit has been in conformity with AOSC 20-23 and AOSC 20-32 as periodically amended; and

WHEREAS, having determined that the judicial branch can now transition to operations where in-person contact is more broadly authorized, the Florida Supreme Court issued AOSC 21-17 on June 4, 2021 which provides that AOSC 20-23 and AOSC 20-32 shall terminate at 12:01 a.m. on June 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, AOSC 21-17 establishes new, temporary health and safety protocols and extends and modifies previously enacted temporary emergency operational measures.

THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority of the Chief Judge under section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Effective June 21, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., Administrative Orders 21-11 2nd Amended; 20-19; and 20-28 3d Amended, which includes this Circuit's Phase 2 Operational Plan, shall be rescinded.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, effective June 21, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., as follows:

1. All persons entering the Courthouse or attending an in Court proceeding may wear a face mask if they choose, however they are not required to wear a facemask.
2. If a person chooses to wear a face mask and does not have one, a face mask shall be provided to that person.
3. Social distancing measures will no longer be enforced within the Courthouse.

4. If a person requests the enforcement of social distancing measures, the Court will consider the circumstances and determine if the request will be granted. If granted, the Court will follow the applicable health guidelines.
5. All Baker and Marchman Act proceedings shall be conducted in person.
6. All jury trials shall be conducted in person, unless consent is provided as directed in Section II.E.(3)a of Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC 20-17.
7. All Judges may exercise their discretion in determining whether any other proceedings shall be conducted in person or remotely.

This Administrative Order shall remain in effect until further notice or until superseded by further order of this Court or the Florida Supreme Court.

DONE AND ORDERED this 10th day of June, 2021.

LISA DAVIDSON
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CHIEF JUDGE

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