

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 20-1  
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 20-02**

**IN RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES  
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COURT  
FACILITIES TO THE PUBLIC IN THE  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
FROM MARCH 17-27, 2020.**

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**WHEREAS**, Supreme Court Administrative Order No. AOSC20-13 sets forth COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts.

**WHEREAS**, mitigating the transmission of COVID-19 is a high priority, and due to the imminent danger posed by this severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans by way of respiratory transmission throughout Miami-Dade County, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court has implemented its Continuity of Operations Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. Public access to court facilities is permitted for First Appearances, Baker Act and Substance Abuse (Marchman Act) proceedings, Juvenile Shelter and Detention proceedings, and emergency proceedings noticed by the presiding judge.
2. Except for the above proceedings, no public access will be allowed at any of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit's courthouses beginning Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, March 27, 2020.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers in Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.

**BERTILA SOTO, CHIEF JUDGE  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**