

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 20-05**

**IN RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY
PROCEDURES ESTABLISHING
REMOTE PLATFORM TO HEAR
COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 20-04, entered on March 25, 2020, non-essential court proceedings were to commence as soon as practicable upon the implementation of a remote appearance platform which allows proceedings to be effectively conducted remotely without in-person court appearances; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the issuance of Administrative Order No. 20-04, a remote appearance platform has been implemented through use of the communication equipment, Zoom, a modern enterprise video communication platform.

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

1. Only non-essential hearings that can be effectively conducted remotely through communication equipment without in-person court appearances are no longer suspended.
2. Mission critical court matters shall also be conducted remotely through communication equipment, unless the presiding judge determines that an in-person court appearance is required.
3. All persons who appear in a courthouse facility should maintain at least a 6-foot social distance from each other, and practice other safety measures as recommended by the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health.

4. The suspension of time periods set forth in Administrative Order No. 20-04 remains in effect.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 30th day of March 2020.

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