

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 20-12**

**IN RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES,  
COURT OPERATIONS IN PHASE 2 IN THE  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

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**WHEREAS**, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida has issued several administrative orders implementing temporary measures essential to the administration of justice during the COVID-19 pandemic, while mitigating the transmission and effects of COVID-19 on the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court has met the five benchmark criteria to transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2 as set forth in the Court Operations Subgroup Report titled “Requirements, Benchmarks, and Guidelines Governing the Transition to Limited In-Person Contact (Phase 2)(herein after “report”).

**WHEREAS**, following consultation with judges, court administrators, justice partners, county administrators, other building occupants, if any, and county health departments or local health experts, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit has developed an operational plan, addressing at minimum, implementation of the requirements identified in the report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court has now met all requirements in the report to enter Phase 2 of the Pandemic.

**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. On June 15, 2020, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court Operations entered Phase 2 of the Pandemic as identified by the Florida Supreme Court.
2. Public access to court facilities will remain closed, except as otherwise provided in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court's Administrative Order No. 20-11.
3. To the extent possible, all court proceedings will continue to take place remotely, where participants appear via telephone or video technology.
4. The following Covid-19 safety procedures will be enforced at all times at all Miami-Dade court locations: Wearing face masks, social distancing (maintaining 6 feet from each other), and undergoing health screening questions and temperature check prior to entry into a courthouse.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers in Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2020.

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