

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 20-13**

**IN RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES,
COURT OPERATIONS REVERTING TO
PHASE 1 IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA**

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, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 20-12, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court transitioned into Phase 2 because it met the benchmark criteria 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”); and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2020, Florida confirmed 5,511 additional cases of Covid-19, breaking a previous record of newly confirmed cases and Miami-Dade added 957 cases and 24 deaths in one day; and

WHEREAS, following consultation with medical experts due to the rise in Covid-19 cases throughout the State and in Miami-Dade, and in accordance the Florida Supreme Court Administrative Orders and the Report, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court must return court operations to Phase 1 to protect the health and safety of the community and court staff.

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. As of June 24, 2020, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court Operations reverted to Phase 1 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 25th day of June 2020.

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