

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 21-23**

**IN RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES,
REIMPLEMENTING A MASK REQUIREMENT
IN COURTHOUSE FACILITIES 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, due to recent increased cases of COVID-19, in large part due to the Omicron variant, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the level of community transmission of COVID-19 is **HIGH** in Miami-Dade County¹; and

WHEREAS, by order of the Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, effective December 22, 2021, face masks are required at all indoor County facilities (Miami-Dade Mask Requirement); and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Mask Requirement applies to all employees and visitors at Miami-Dade court facilities; and

WHEREAS, since the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a significant effect upon the operations of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court and the lives of the residents of Miami-Dade County, it is necessary to implement modifications to court operations to ensure the health and safety of the community.

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 General Practice and

¹ See CDC's website, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. Face masks are required at all indoor county facilities (Miami-Dade Mask Requirement), which applies to all employees and visitors at Miami-Dade Court facilities, including vaccinated and unvaccinated persons.
2. All methods to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure should be utilized at all times by individuals involved in in-person proceedings or the general public entering the courthouses.

This Administrative Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until modified, extended, or rescinded by further order of this court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 23rd day of December, 2021.

**NUSHIN G. SAYFIE, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**