



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 2020-00-12

RE: SUSPENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-00-04, AND RESCINDING 2020-00-07 AND 2020-00-08 EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020

WHEREAS, the Florida State Courts System continues to monitor and proactively address the effects on court operations of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a severe acute respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and well-being of courthouse visitors, court employees, and judicial officers are a high priority for the Florida State Courts System; and

WHEREAS, AOSC 20-13 authorizes all chief judges of the circuit and district courts to continue ongoing efforts to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the courts and court participants and to prepare to activate and implement continuity of operations (COOP) plans to address the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, AOSC 20-13 authorizes the chief judge of each judicial circuit to establish temporary procedures for the use, to the maximum extent feasible, of communication equipment for the conducting of proceedings by remote electronic means, as are necessary, in their respective circuits due to the public health emergency.

WHEREAS, AOSC 20-23 Amendment 4, authorizes the chief judge of each judicial circuit to establish procedures for remote proceedings to the maximum extent possible in accord with law.

WHEREAS, AOSC 20-32 Amendment 1, requires the chief judge of each judicial circuit to follow certain benchmarks whereby courts may move into different phases with regard to public health and safety.

WHEREAS, AO 2020-00-11 A1, authorizes the courts of the 14th Circuit (with the exception of those Courts not yet authorized through an Operational Plan) to begin transitioning from Phase 1 to Phase 2 on July 6, 2020, to include limited in-person contact provided proper hygiene and social distancing protocols are in place.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that AO 2020-00-04 Emergency Procedures in the Fourteenth Circuit, is hereby suspended effective June 30, 2020 for all Counties authorized to proceed to Phase 2 and other improving Phases, provided proper hygiene and social distancing protocols and benchmarks as described in AO 2020-00-11 A1, are followed.

IT IS ORDERED, that AO 2020-00-07 COVID-19 Emergency Order Regarding Isolation and or Quarantine Detentions is hereby rescinded effective June 30, 2020.

FURTHER IT IS ORDERED, that AO 2020-00-08 COVID-19 Emergency Order Regarding Non-Critical Civil Proceedings and Process for Extraordinary Writs is hereby rescinded in its entirety effective June 30, 2020 (All counties in 14th Judicial). This remains consistent with Florida Supreme Court Administrative order AOSC 20-23, Amendment 4.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Panama City, Bay County, Florida, this 30th day of June, 2020.



CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON
CHIEF JUDGE



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By Abraham Wells
Deputy Clerk