



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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #2021-00-08  
(rescinding AO#2021-00-03, AO#2020-00-11 and all amendments)**

**RE: RESCINDING EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL PLANS AND PREVIOUS ORDERS**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC21-17, the Florida Supreme Court will rescind Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC 20-23 all Amendments, and Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC 20-32 all Amendments, effective June 21, 2021.


**WHEREAS** the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit will continue to implement and follow health and safety measures as outlined in AOSC21-17 to protect the health and safety of litigants, attorneys, visitors, court staff, judges, and other individuals entering courthouses and court facilities.

**WHEREAS**, the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit will continue to implement and follow emergency operational measures as outlined in AOSC21-17 to govern remote and in-person court proceedings.

**NOW, THEREFORE** all Circuit emergency operational orders and plans issued as a response to the pandemic are hereby rescinded effective June 21, 2021. This order specifically rescinds AO#2020-00-05, AO#2020-00-06, AO#2020-00-09, AO#2020-00-13 and AO#2020-00-18.

**FURTHER**, all Weekly COVID-19 Updates not previously filed are attached herewith.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, at Panama City, Bay County, Florida, this 14 day of June, 2021.

  
CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON  
CHIEF JUDGE



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June 8, 2021

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Justice Partners

FR: Christopher N. Patterson, Chief Judge

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RE: Weekly COVID-19 Updates and Resuming Court Operations

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I am forwarding weekly health data from the Florida Department of Health (FDOH).

Data for each County as to full vaccination rates for persons 12 years of age and above is also included.

**Bay 4.3% average positive test rates; vaccination rate 38%.**

**Calhoun 2.2% average positive test rates; vaccination rate 26%.**

**Gulf 5.4% average positive test rates; vaccination rate 37%.**

**Holmes 4.6% average positive test rates; vaccination rate 24%.**

**Jackson 5% average positive test rates; vaccination rate 34%.**

**Washington 5.6% average positive test rates; vaccination rate 29%.**

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**AOSC 21-17 (attached herewith)**

By now you may have heard about the latest Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order issued last week. Allow me to highlight a few important points. These changes will occur on June 21, 2021.

1. As of June 21, 2021, the Judicial Branch can transition to operations where in-person contact is more broadly authorized.
2. Emergency administrative orders shall terminate on June 21, 2021.
3. The wearing of face masks and physical distancing are not required, however participants and observers may wear facemasks and participants may request to be physically distanced.
4. Participants who have the capability of participating by remote means **MUST** do so.
5. Involuntary commitment hearings under Baker Act and Marchman Act must be conducted in person unless that individual waives the right to physical presence at the hearing.
6. Trial Court proceedings **SHALL** continue to be remotely conducted, as appropriate, to facilitate the efficient and expeditious processing of cases.
7. Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration shall be **strictly construed**.
8. Speedy trial in Criminal cases has been defined.
9. Additional orders may be issued to mitigate the effects of the public health emergency on the judicial branch and its participants.

WEEKLY COVID UPDATES SHALL CEASE JUNE 21, 2021.



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June 1, 2021

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TO: Justice Partners

FR: Christopher N. Patterson, Chief Judge 

RE: June 1, 2021 Weekly COVID-19 Update

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Data for each County as to full vaccination rates for persons 18 years of age and above is also included.

As of this date, the data available for each County is as follows:

**Bay 5% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 (not updated by FDOH Dashboard) 5.9%; stable weekly positivity rate; stable hospitalizations, and rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 36.2%.**

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**Calhoun 1.5% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 (not updated by FDOH Dashboard) 1.8%; stable rates of hospitalizations and Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 26%.**

**Gulf 1.6% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 (not updated by FDOH Dashboard) 2.5% with limited testing; stable rate of hospitalizations and stable rate of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 37.8%.**

**Holmes 4.2% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 (not updated by FDOH Dashboard) 4.4%; stable hospitalizations; stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 23.3%.**

**Jackson 3.4% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 (not updated by FDOH Dashboard) 3.2%; stable rates of hospitalizations with a stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 33%.**

**Washington 3.1% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 (not updated by FDOH Dashboard) 3.8%; there is a stable rate of hospitalizations, with a stable rate of Emergency Department visits for COVID-19. Vaccination rate 22.9%.**

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COVID Hospitalizations: Bay 8; Calhoun 0; Gulf 0; Holmes 0; Jackson 3; Washington 1.

Information about vaccination sites [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov)



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May 18, 2021

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TO: Justice Partners

FR: Christopher N. Patterson, Chief Judge *CP*

RE: May 18, 2021 Weekly COVID-19 Update

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Data for each County as to full vaccination rates for persons 18 years of age and above is also included.

As of this date, the data available for each County is as follows:

**Bay 7% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/9 6.4%; stable weekly positivity rate; stable hospitalizations, and stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 33.8%.**

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**Calhoun 2% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/9 2.4%; stable rates of hospitalizations and Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 21.5%.**

**Gulf 3.1% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/9 3.6% with limited testing; stable rate of hospitalizations and stable rate of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 35.7%.**

**Holmes 5.4% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/9 2.6%; stable hospitalizations; stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 20.1%.**

**Jackson 3.5% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/9 1.9%; stable rates of hospitalizations with a stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 31.2%.**

**Washington 3.1% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/9 1.7%; there is a stable rate of hospitalizations, with a stable rate of Emergency Department visits for COVID-19. Vaccination rate 21.8%.**

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COVID Hospitalizations: Bay 17; Calhoun 0; Gulf 2; Holmes 0; Jackson 3; Washington 2.



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May 25, 2021

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TO: Justice Partners

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RE: May 25, 2021 Weekly COVID-19 Update

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Data for each County as to full vaccination rates for persons 18 years of age and above is also included.

As of this date, the data available for each County is as follows:

**Bay 6.9% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 5.9%; stable weekly positivity rate; stable hospitalizations, and stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 35.2%.**



**Calhoun 2% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 1.8%; stable rates of hospitalizations and Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 25.4%.**

**Gulf 2.6% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 2.5% with limited testing; stable rate of hospitalizations and stable rate of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 36.6%.**

**Holmes 1.6% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 4.4%; stable hospitalizations; stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 22.8%.**

**Jackson 2.7% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 3.2%; stable rates of hospitalizations with a stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 32.3%.**

**Washington 3.4% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/16 3.8%; there is a stable rate of hospitalizations, with a stable rate of Emergency Department visits for COVID-19. Vaccination rate 22.4%.**

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COVID Hospitalizations: Bay 11; Calhoun 0; Gulf 0; Holmes 0; Jackson 1; Washington 0.



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May 12, 2021

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RE: May 12, 2021 Weekly COVID-19 Update

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As of this date, the data available for each County is as follows:

**Bay 7.2% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/2 8.7%; stable weekly positivity rate; stable hospitalizations, and stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 31.5%.**

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**Calhoun 1.4% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/2 2.9%; stable rates of hospitalizations and Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 21%.**

**Gulf 7.3% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/2 7.8% with limited testing; stable rate of hospitalizations and stable rate of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 32.7%.**

**Holmes 5.2% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/2 6.5%; stable hospitalizations; stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 19.3%.**

**Jackson 5.5% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/2 5.5%; stable rates of hospitalizations with a stable rates of Emergency Department visits. Vaccination rate 28.4%.**

**Washington 5.5% average positive test rates for past 14 days; cumulative positivity rates per DOH for week ending 5/2 4.5%; there is a stable rate of hospitalizations, with a stable rate of Emergency Department visits for COVID-19. Vaccination rate 18.1%.**

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COVID Hospitalizations: Bay 13; Calhoun 0; Gulf 0; Holmes 0; Jackson 3; Washington 0.



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By *Bill Kinsaul*  
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