

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES  
STATE OF FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-10**  
**(Superseding and Vacating Amended Administrative Order 2021-15)**

**IN RE: REVISED COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND  
TRIAL COURT OPERATIONAL MEASURES**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Florida Supreme Court issued its first administrative order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and on March 19, 2020 the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's issued its first administrative order related to same; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court has subsequently issued several administrative orders and amendments providing temporary emergency protocols and operating measures to keep the courts operating to the fullest possible extent consistent with public safety and the chief judges of this Circuit have issued administrative orders implementing the evolving, subsequent directives of the Florida Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2022, the Florida Supreme Court issued AOSC22-51, In Re: Termination of Specified COVID-19 Emergency Operational Measures to Account for New Rules on Remote Conduct of Court Proceedings;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority of the chief judge under section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, effective immediately, it is hereby

**ORDERED** as follows:

I. Amended Administrative Order 2021-15 entered on January 12, 2022 (last entered COVID-19 related order) and all other COVID-19 related orders not previously vacated, are vacated.

II. The judiciary must continue to follow those provisions of AOSC 21-17, *Amendment 3*, remaining in full force and effect.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See AOSC21-17, *Amendment 3*, Sections I (Health and Safety Protocols), II(C) (Law School Practice Programs), II(E)(6)(Case Resolution), II(E)(7)(Civil Case Management (as further addressed by local A.O. 2021-05), II(E)(8)(Speedy Trial in Criminal Court Proceedings), II(E)(9)(Criminal Trial in Juvenile Court Proceedings), II(E)(10)(Incompetence to Proceed), II(E)(11)(Defendants Arrested on Warrant or Capias From Another Florida Jurisdiction), II(E)(12)(Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court

III. This administrative order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the chief judge.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Ft. Pierce, St. Lucie County, Florida, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



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CHARLES SCHWAB, CHIEF JUDGE

Electronically Signed by Chief Judge Charles A. Schwab  
4:30 pm, Oct 04, 2022

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