

**AMENDMENT: 5**

*( Amends Operational Plan Regarding Marion County)*

**FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Operational Plan: Phase 2**

This operational plan amendment is provided pursuant to Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-32, as amended. Due to current benchmark conditions in **Marion County** amendment to Operational Plan is appropriate.

**WHEREAS**, Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-32 *Amendment 6* requires public health data and local conditions shall be monitored at least weekly to determine if a modification to operations, an amendment to the operational plan, or a reversion in phases is necessary.

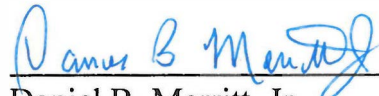
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the above referenced Administrative Order, reversion or amendment is required when the seven-day averages for new cases during the most recent two-week period demonstrate two consecutive weeks of increase; or either of the seven-day averages for the positivity rate during the most recent two-week period is eleven (11) percent or higher.

**WHEREAS**, the positivity rate for Marion County for the week ending December 21, 2020 was in excess of eleven percent;

**THEREFORE**, in compliance with Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-32 *Amendment 6*, this Operational plan as it relates to **MARION COUNTY** is amended as follows:

1. **Daily** review and monitoring of public health data and local conditions will now occur instead of weekly review.
2. Only proceedings as outlined in A-2020-12-I and proceedings as outlined in A-2020-43 will be allowed to be conducted in person, with the additional restriction of no in person jury trials in Marion County until January 5, 2021.
3. This amendment is to take effect immediately and continue until the public health data and local conditions reestablish the benchmark criteria set forth in AOSC20-32, as amended and upon further Amendment of this Operational Plan.

Done in Chambers in Brooksville, Hernando County Florida this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2020

  
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Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.  
Chief Judge  
Fifth Judicial Circuit