

**AMENDMENT: 6**

*(Amends Operational Plan Regarding Temporary Suspension of Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings)*

**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 **Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties**, 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.

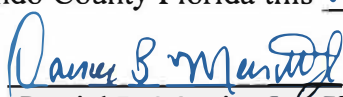
**WHEREAS**, the positivity rate for each county in the Fifth Judicial Circuit for the week ending January 2, 2021 were as follows:

Citrus County:	14.1%	Hernando County:	14.4%
Lake County:	15.4%	Marion County:	17.7%
Sumter County:	15.3%		

**THEREFORE**, in compliance with Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-32 *Amendment 6*, this operational plan is amended as follows:

1. **Daily** review and monitoring of public health data and local conditions will now occur instead of weekly review.
2. Based on the forgoing data, jury trials and grand jury proceedings are suspended in the Fifth Judicial Circuit until January 18, 2021, or until the public health data and local conditions reestablish the benchmark criteria set forth in AOSC20-32 for each individual county.
3. This amendment is to take effect immediately.

Done in Chambers in Brooksville, Hernando County Florida this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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