

**AMENDMENT: 8**

*(Amends Operational Plan to Reinstate Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings in Citrus and Hernando Counties and continues suspension of jury trials and grand jury proceedings in Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties Until Further Notice)*

**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 rates for Citrus and Hernando counties, in the Fifth Judicial Circuit, for the most recent two week period are below eleven percent and all other benchmark criteria are met;

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

**AS TO CITRUS AND HERNANDO COUNTIES**

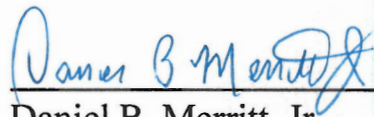
1. Full Phase 2 operations are restored in Citrus and Hernando Counties.
2. Based on the forgoing data, jury trials and Grand Jury proceedings ARE REINSTATED for Citrus and Hernando Counties.

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**AS TO LAKE, MARION AND SUMTER COUNTIES**

1. Based on the forgoing data, this Amendment makes no changes to the restrictions placed on Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties as outlined in Amendment 7 to the Phase 2 Operational Plan.
2. Therefore, jury trials and Grand Jury proceedings remain suspended in Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties until further notice.

Done in Chambers in Brooksville, Hernando County Florida this 2nd day of February 2021.



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