

**IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-13
THIRD AMENDMENT**

IN RE: OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR TRANSITION TO PHASE 2

WHEREAS, Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-32, Amendment 3, provides standards for transition to various phases and procedures and data sources to support decisions under benchmark criteria 3; and

WHEREAS, controlled and measured in-person attendance at court proceedings are currently being conducted or planned in counties of the 2d Circuit in Phase 2, to include necessary pilot projects; and

WHEREAS, Gadsden County currently satisfies the benchmark criteria for transition to Phase 2, as per data prepared and maintained by the Office of the State Courts Administrator; and

WHEREAS, a consensus between criminal justice system partners was reached to satisfy the elements of this amended operational plan for Gadsden County as required by Benchmark Criteria 5;

By the authority of Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, AOSC20-23, Amendment 6, and AOSC20-32, Amendment 3, it is therefore **ORDERED** that the operational plan of the 2d Circuit is amended.

Paragraph 2.b. is amended, in part, as follows:

Benchmark	Gadsden
No confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in a court facility [unless mitigation measures have been taken]	Yes
No county restricted movement or stay-at-home orders	Yes

Benchmark	Gadsden
Improving COVID-19 conditions for a 14-day period	Yes
COVID-19 testing available	Yes
Consultation with courthouse occupants and justice system partners	Yes

Paragraph 5 is amended as follows:

Timeline for Transition to Phase 2. Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties currently satisfy benchmark criteria for Phase 2 or operations have been modified to maintain Phase 2 status.

Paragraph 5.c.(5), pertaining to Leon County, is created:

In-person attendance for felony and misdemeanor jury trials are authorized as a pilot project after consultation with the appropriate administrative judge, assigned judge, Office of Court Administration for required resources and support staff, and other Constitutional Officers or their delegates as appropriate to ensure that the benchmark criteria and mandatory requirements are met.

Paragraph 5.c.(6), pertaining to Leon County, is created:

In-person attendance for a circuit civil jury trial is authorized as a pilot project after consultation with the appropriate administrative judge, assigned judge, Office of Court Administration for required resources and support staff, and other Constitutional Officers or their delegates as appropriate to ensure that the benchmark criteria and mandatory requirements are met.

Paragraph 5.g., pertaining to Gadsden County, is created:

Limited in-person attendance at court proceedings in Gadsden County may be approved by the Chief Judge after consultation with the assigned judge, Office of Court Administration for required resources and support staff, and other Constitutional Officers or their

delegates as appropriate to ensure that the benchmark criteria and mandatory requirements are met. Proceedings that may be conducted remotely should be conducted remotely.

5th **DONE and ORDERED** in chambers in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this day of October, 2020.



JONATHAN SIOSTROM
Chief Judge

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