

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11.34

BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSITION TO PHASE 2

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020 this Court issued Eighth Judicial Circuit AO 11.33, which established procedures for the transition to Phase 2 and mandated additional safety measures to be employed throughout the circuit; and

WHEREAS, AO 11.33 authorized the counties of Baker, Gilchrist, Levy and Union to move to Phase 2 on July 6, 2020, but directed that the counties of Alachua and Bradford remain in Modified Phase 1 until further order of the court; and

WHEREAS, this Court has reviewed the data published by the Florida Department of Health and consulted with local health professionals to determine whether Alachua and Bradford Counties have met the benchmarks required by Florida Supreme Court AOSC20-32 Amendment 1, for transition into Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, this Court has determined that Bradford County clearly meets benchmarks 1, 2, 4 and 5, as well as benchmarks 3 (a), (c), (d). While the trajectory of positive tests as a percentage of total tests (benchmark 3(b)) has varied in Bradford County, and has not been on a consistent downward trajectory, Bradford County continues to have extremely low numbers of confirmed cases, low numbers of hospitalizations, low numbers of deaths, and the number of positive tests as a percentage of total tests falls well below the benchmark percentage established by the CDC. It is therefore determined that Bradford County meets the necessary benchmarks and is ready to move into Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, this Court has determined that Alachua County has met most, but not all of the benchmarks necessary to move to Phase 2 at this time; and

WHEREAS, this Order is entered pursuant to the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Article V, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution, as well as the Administrative Orders issued by the Florida Supreme Court,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that

1. **TRANSITION TO PHASE 2**

- A. Bradford County shall move to Phase 2 on July 13, 2020 and is authorized to conduct in-person court events in *Essential Court Proceedings, Critical Court Proceedings, and Phase 2 Court Proceedings* as defined in Eighth Judicial Circuit Administrative Order 11.33, Paragraphs 3 C, D & E below.
- B. Alachua County shall remain in Modified Phase 1 until further Order of the Court and shall continue to conduct in-person court events only in *Essential Court Proceedings and Critical Court Proceedings* as defined in Eighth Judicial Circuit Administrative Order 11.33, Paragraphs 3 C & D.
- C. This Court will continue to review the medical data furnished by the Department of Health, and will consult with medical health professionals, to determine when it is appropriate for Alachua County to move to Phase 2. The Court will also consider, in the event of worsening conditions, the necessity of reverting back to Modified Phase 1 in Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, and Union Counties.

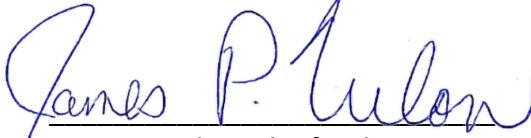
2. **PRIOR ORDER**

All term and conditions of Eighth Judicial Circuit Administrative Order 11.33, issued on July 1, 2020, shall remain in full force and effect, except as to the transition of Bradford County to Phase 2.

3. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Order shall take effect on July 13, 2020.

ORDERED ON this 9 day of July, 2020.


James P. Nilon, Chief Judge