

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11.38

MODIFICATION OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020 Eighth Judicial Circuit AO 11.33 was issued, setting forth the procedures and safety precautions to be implemented in the circuit’s transition to Phase 2 of the pandemic operational plan, and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2021 the Florida Supreme Court issued AOSC20-32 Amendment 8, removing the screening requirements for entry into the courthouse and limiting the physical distancing and face mask requirements only to “in-person court proceedings” rather than “throughout all public areas of the courthouse”; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court defined “in-person court proceedings” as the assembly of prospective jurors, voir dire, juror deliberations, status conference, hearing, trial, or any other proceeding conducted by a justice, judge, magistrate, or hearing officer if conducted in person; 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 referenced above,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that

1. Eighth Judicial Circuit AO 11.33, paragraphs 4A, 4B, and 4C (Screening Questions, Self-Screening, and Temperature Checks) are rescinded.
2. Eighth Judicial Circuit AO 11.33, paragraphs 4D and 4E (Face Masks and Physical Distancing) are amended such that the requirement of wearing face masks and physical distancing is limited only to “in-person court proceedings” as defined above, rather than “throughout all public areas of the courthouse.”

3. All terms, conditions, and requirements of Administrative Orders 11.33 through 11.37, not in direct conflict herewith, shall remain in full force and effect.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Order shall take effect upon signing.

ORDERED ON this 26 day of May, 2021.



Mark W. Moseley, Chief Judge