

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR FLAGLER, PUTNAM, ST. JOHNS AND VOLUSIA COUNTIES**

RE: Phase 2 Transition for Court Facilities

**REF: Z-2020-050
(Amends Z-2020-045)**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus continues to beset our nation, the State of Florida, and the communities within the Seventh Judicial Circuit, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court has issued Administrative Orders urging the need to take necessary precautions, and providing guidance for the phased resumption of court operations, and

WHEREAS, the courts must begin to provide increased levels of functionality, while at the same time heeding the advice of health officials, and

WHEREAS, protecting the health and well-being of the public, court staff, and judges continues to be of paramount concern;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RAUL A. ZAMBRANO, Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution, and the Administrative Orders of the Florida Supreme Court, hereby ORDER as follows:

1. The Kim C. Hammond Justice Center, the Putnam County Courthouse Annex, the Richard O. Watson Judicial Center, the Volusia County Courthouse, and the Volusia County Traffic Court Annex transitioned to “Phase 2” operations on June 8, 2020.
2. The S. James Foxman Justice Center transitioned to “Phase 2” operations on June 15, 2020.
3. The Putnam County Courthouse is authorized to transition to “Phase 2” operations on July 6, 2020.
 - Court facilities not mentioned herein; namely, the Volusia County City Island Courthouse Annex, and the courtroom at the Volusia County Branch Jail, are to remain in “Phase 1” status until further order.
4. In accordance with previous directives, court facility occupants are to monitor their own health conditions and wear facial coverings or masks when in public areas of court facilities.
5. Public entry to court facilities is subject to the following conditions:
 - A non-invasive temperature check. Any individual with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater will be denied entry.
 - A general health screening to check for symptoms of illness. Any individual who answers affirmatively to any of the questions will be denied entry.
 - A general screening involving possible exposure to COVID-19. Any individual who answers affirmatively to any of the questions will be denied entry.
 - Wearing of a facial covering or mask. Any individual who refuses to wear a facial covering will be denied entry or asked to vacate the facility.
 - Adhere to social distancing and other spatial requirements. Any individual who refuses to abide by social distancing or other spatial requirements will be asked to vacate the facility.

6. Judges and other court facility occupants are to take appropriate measures to ensure that occupancy levels of courtrooms and other spaces are not exceeded, including, but not limited to, staggered appearance times or queuing outside.
7. In accordance with previous directives, when available, electronic means of communication is to be used to minimize face-to-face contact among judges, attorneys and litigants.
 - a) Judges may require attorneys to appear by electronic means for hearings;
 - b) Attorneys appearing electronically are to conduct themselves in a professional manner;
 - c) Attorneys appearing electronically are to appear from settings that are free from extraneous noise or interruptions;
 - d) Participants appearing electronically are reminded not to engage in activities that may otherwise detract from the focus of the hearing (ie. driving a vehicle).
8. Any court facility occupant (ie. Court Administration, Clerk, State Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff) located in a "Phase 2" facility mentioned herein may resume operations that are not otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this Order.

TO BE RECORDED in Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties.

DONE AND ORDERED in Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida this 2 day of July 2020.



RAUL A. ZAMBRANO
CHIEF JUDGE