

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO: 2020-05

RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC – COURTHOUSE ENTRY

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida has issued AOSC20-32, reflecting the responsibility of trial courts to continue to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, while keeping the courts operating to the fullest extent consistent with public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice approved and accepted the findings and recommendations of the Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19, and has charged the trial courts with implementing requirements identified in the Workgroup's report; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and well-being of courthouse visitors, court employees, and judicial officers are of primary concern for the State Court System; it is,

ORDERED:

- 1) This directive is effective June 15, 2020 and shall be in effect until further order of the undersigned or intervening direction from the Chief Judge or Chief Justice.
- 2) As ordered by the Chief Justice, all members of the public entering the courthouse shall undergo a health screening, undergo a required temperature check, maintain social distancing, and wear a mask.
- 3) The health screening shall meet the requirements of the Supreme Court. The health screening will be provided as a separate memorandum.
- 4) Persons who have a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater shall not be allowed to enter the facility.

- 5) Any person refusing to wear a mask, refusing to undergo the health screening process, or refusing to submit to the required temperature check, shall not be allowed to enter the facility.
- 6) A separate memorandum shall be provided to Court Security regarding the enforcement of health screenings, temperature checks, social distancing and masks.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa County, Florida, this 12th day of June 2020.

S/ WILLIAM F. STONE

William F. Stone, Administrative Judge

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Copies furnished to:

Honorable John L. Miller, Chief Judge
All Circuit and County Judges, Okaloosa County
Robin Wright, Trial Court Administrator
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
Office of the State Attorney
Office of the Public Defender
Okaloosa Child Welfare Legal Services
Okaloosa Guardian Ad Litem
Okaloosa Family First Network
Okaloosa Department of Juvenile Justice
Okaloosa Office of Criminal Conflict
Honorable J.D. Peacock II, Clerk of Circuit Court
Valerie Broxson, Court Operations Manager