



THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA

CHAMBERS OF
GLENN D. KELLEY
CHIEF JUDGE

PRESS RELEASE

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Chief Judge Kelley has carefully monitored the increase of COVID-19 variant cases in Palm Beach County and Florida. Currently, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the positivity rate in Palm Beach County is 18.22%. Due to the significant increase in positivity rates and the designation of high community transmission in Palm Beach County, the Chief Judge consulted with the judges, court partners, and County officials and addressed possible steps to protect the health and well-being of the court users and staff. Based on these discussions and under the authority provided to the State Courts by the Florida Supreme Court, Judge Kelley entered Administrative Order 12.515.2-07/2021, COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols and Operational Measures, to ensure the safety and well-being of those who use or work in the courts.

Administrative Order 12.515.2-07/2021 addresses in-person and remote proceedings, encourages social distancing while in the courthouse, and requires all persons entering any of the courthouses to wear a proper facial covering. Jury trials will continue in-person, as will many of the regular court proceedings. For a full listing of in-person proceedings and other details related to the court operations, please refer to Administrative Order 12.515-2-07/2021 <https://15thcircuit.com/sites/default/files/administrative-orders/12.515-07-2021.pdf>.