

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE  
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN  
AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

**Temporary 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit County Court Guidelines  
and Protocols during the COVID-19 Pandemic for Courtroom J1**

The Duval County Courts goal is to minimize the traffic in our Courthouse and still maintain our mission critical functioning, but above all to insure the health and well-being of our Court Family, Lawyers, Litigants and the Citizens of Duval County.

On a Temporary Basis effective Monday, March 23, 2020 first appearance court commonly known as Courtroom J1 will take place via video and telephonically in Courtroom 501 in the Duval County Courthouse, 501 West Adams Street. The Judge, Clerk, Court Reporter, State Attorney and Public Defender will be in Courtroom 501. All defendants will be physically appearing in the Pretrial Detention facility courtroom J1 which is located inside the Duval County Jail.

Private Counsel and the Public Defender can elect to appear in Courtroom J1 or Courtroom 501. The Salvation Army Probation Officer will remain in J1.

All court times will remain the same with Court starting at 9:00 am, 10:00 am and 1:30 pm. A special time served misdemeanor calendar is added at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm daily.

A phone line has been set up so if a party needs to communicate with the Court, Assistant State Attorney or Assistant Public Defender they may call (904) 255-1659.

This Administrative Order will remain in effect until further Order of this Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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GARY P. FLOWER  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY COURT JUDGE