

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

May 10, 2021

**IN RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN CLAY COUNTY
RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO JUDGE WILLIAM A. WILKES JUDICIAL
COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) is considered by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus is highly contagious and vaccines are becoming readily available to help limit its spread; and

WHEREAS, the state and federal governments have enacted numerous restrictions on daily activities, work, and travel, in addition to issued detailed recommendations in an effort to limit the general public's exposure to the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued updated guidance as to individuals who have been inoculated, on the wearing of masks and on social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of employees working at the Judge William A. Wilkes Judicial Complex (the "Courthouse") and those citizens that must utilize courthouse services provided by the Fourth Judicial Circuit, the Clerk of the Court, the State Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, and the county court probation office, are of utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court entered AOSC-23, Amendment 8, on May 6, 2021, to reflect the current state of the pandemic while maintaining appropriate safeguards as the state moves toward the time when all Floridians eligible for vaccination will have had the opportunity to become fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit has delegated authority to the undersigned administrative judge for Clay County to develop an operational plan and procedures;

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in the undersigned, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Access to the Judge William A. Wilkes Judicial Complex (Courthouse) shall be permitted in accordance with the updated public health and safety precautions as outlined by AOSC20-32, Amendment 8, entered May 6, 2021.

DONE AND ORDERED in Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida on this 10th day of May, 2021.



STEVEN B. WHITTINGTON
Acting Administrative Judge
(May 10, 2021 – May 14, 2021)
Clay County

Copies furnished to:

The Honorable Mark H. Mahon
All Clay County Judges
The Honorable Tara S. Green, Clerk of Court
The Honorable Melissa W. Nelson, Office of the State Attorney
The Honorable Charles G. Cofer, Office of the Public Defender
The Honorable Michelle Cook, Sheriff, Clay County Sheriff's Office
Chief Gary Goble, Orange Park Police Department
Chief Derek S. Asdot, Green Cove Springs Police Department
Joseph G. Stelma, Fourth Judicial Circuit Trial Court Administrator
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