

**IN THE COURTS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 2020-01

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 Courts System; it is,

ORDERED:

- 1) This directive is effective June 1, 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 wear a mask, undergo a health screening and undergo a required temperature check.
- 3) The screening shall include the following questions.

Question 1: Do you have any of the following symptoms (excluding those due to a known medical reason): • Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Chills • Muscle pain • Sore throat • New loss of taste or smell

Question 2: Are you currently awaiting the results of a test to determine if you have COVID-19?

Question 3: Are you under instructions to self-isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19?

Question 4: Have you had close contact with someone with a COVID-19 diagnosis or who is awaiting test results for COVID-19?

Question 5: Have you travelled to an area with a notably high concentration of COVID-19 cases?

- 4) Persons who have a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater shall not be allowed to enter the facility. Persons answering affirmatively to any one, or more, of the screening questions shall not be allowed into the facility.
- 5) Any person refusing to wear a mask, refusing to answer any of the screening questions herein, or, refusing to submit to the required temperature check, shall not be allowed to enter the facility.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Milton, Florida, this the 15 day of June, 2020.


JOHN F. SIMON, JR.
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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