

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: 12.515.8 - 10/2022\*

IN RE: **VACATING COVID-19 HEALTH AND  
SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND OPERATIONAL MEASURES**

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To protect the safety and well-being of courthouse users and personnel, and in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control's guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Circuit created Administrative Order 12.515. Based on Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC22-51 (Fla. October 3, 2022), consideration of current public health conditions and the operational needs of the court, Administrative Order 12.515 is no longer required.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215 it is **ORDERED** that Administrative Order 12.515 is **VACATED** immediately with the exception of Section IV No Transportation of Infected or Quarantined Inmates, as set forth below:

**IV. NO TRANSPORTATION OF INFECTED OR QUARANTINED INMATES**

The Sheriff shall not transport any inmate at the Palm Beach County Jail who is either in pre-house quarantine or is being quarantined based on a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 diagnosis to the courthouses for attendance at a court proceeding. However, inmates who are in pre-house quarantine or who are being quarantined will be given the opportunity to attend court proceedings remotely while in pre-house quarantine or quarantine. The Sheriff shall notify the criminal judges and JAs via email of any inmate who is not being transported due to being in pre-house quarantine by no later than 8 A.M. on the day of the inmate's scheduled event. The Sheriff shall provide the Court with a list of all inmates in quarantine on a bi-weekly basis and shall provide the Court with as much advance notice as possible in the event an inmate scheduled for an in-person court appearance will not be transported due to quarantine.

The effective date of the vacatur of Section IV is October 31, 2022.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



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Glenn D. Kelley, Chief Judge

\*supersedes admin. order 12.515.7 – 01/2022