

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**

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 4th day of October, 2022.



Glenn D. Kelley, Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order 12.515.7 – 01/2022