

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-20

**IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE  
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY  
COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONAVIRUS**

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FILED BY   CW   D.C.

*Mar 18, 2020*

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This Order is issued in response to the developing outbreak of Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and in conjunction with Administrative Order 2020-18 entered on March 13, 2020, which limited in-court appearances and continued all jury matters.

In response to the continued spread of COVID-19, President Trump has declared a national emergency and issued guidelines directing at-risk individuals, including those 60 and older, to stay home and to distance themselves from others, encouraging everyone to work from home whenever possible, to avoid discretionary travel, and to avoid social gatherings in groups of ten or more. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and other health authorities have advised that precautions be taken to reduce the possibility of exposure to the COVID-19 virus and to slow the spread of the disease. In particular, the CDC recommends that individuals attempt to keep physical distance between themselves. This technique, known as social distancing, is especially important for those at higher health risk of contracting the disease. The CDC recommends employers attempt to minimize exposure between employees and the public and to consider the public health and safety when scheduling group or public events. Additionally, there is recent evidence indicating that COVID-19 may be spread by persons who are asymptomatic.

Given this guidance, and to protect the safety and health of all those entering and working within the Courthouse, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that effective immediately, the United States District Court, Southern District

of Florida, including the United States Probation Office, will reduce staffing at all Courthouse locations and Probation offices, to a level necessary to maintain essential operations. All other employees are placed on telework status effective immediately. The Clerk of Court and Chief Probation Officer shall exercise discretion in designating which employees, on a rotational basis, are necessary to maintain essential operations at each Courthouse location and Probation office. It is hereby

**ORDERED** that effective immediately, the Clerk's Office public Intake windows will be open only between the hours of 9:30–10:30 a.m. and 3:30–4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. The Magistrate window will be open during normal business hours for new arrests and posting of bonds only.

This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 18th day of March 2020.



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K. MICHAEL MOORE   
UNITED STATES CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

c: Honorable Ed Carnes, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals  
All Southern District, Bankruptcy and Magistrate Judges  
James Gerstenlauer, Circuit Executive  
United States Marshal  
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