

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 22-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 21-23 A1
(Amending AO No. 21-23)**

**IN RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES,
RESCINDING MASK REQUIREMENT
IN COURTHOUSE FACILITIES IN THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida has issued several administrative orders implementing temporary measures essential to the administration of justice during the COVID-19 pandemic, while mitigating the transmission and effects of COVID-19 on the community; and

WHEREAS, due to the drop in COVID-19 transmission rates in Miami-Dade, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava rescinded the mask requirements for all indoor county facilities, effective Friday, February 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Updated Guidelines lifting the face mask requirements applies to all employees and visitors at the Miami-Dade County Court facilities, including vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals; and

WHEREAS court operational circumstances may, from time to time, require modifications to Divisional Operations Plans in furtherance of the fair and efficient administration of justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of The Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court under Rule 2.215 of the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Administrative Order No. 21-23, issued December 23, 2021, is amended as follows:

1. Face masks are no longer required at all indoor county facilities (Miami-Dade Mask Requirement), which applies to all employees and visitors at Miami-Dade Court

facilities, including vaccinated and unvaccinated persons.

2. All methods to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure should be utilized at all times by individuals involved in in-person proceedings or the general public entering the courthouses.

This Administrative Order is effective, *nunc pro tunc*, February 25, 2022, and will remain in effect until modified, extended, or rescinded by further order of this court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 28th day of February 2022.

**NUSHIN G. SAYFIE, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**