

# Florida Covid-19 Court Closures

**Please Note:**





You may refer to <https://www.flclerks.com/general/custom.asp?page=COVID-19> for the most up to date information.





The information below has been updated based on what we've been provided from <https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Emergency>

If any information seems incorrect our outdated, please let us know and we will update accordingly.





A **Red** font indicates all/some court closures. Courts marked in **green bold fonts** allow telephonic hearings.





This live report shows a list of courts allowing **telephonic** hearings that were confirmed so far: <https://reporting.docketly.com/public/question/e14f6978-342a-447d-be0c-7dbf3a29c901>

Judicial Circuits	Status	Telephonic?
First Circuit - Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton	 1st Judicial.pdf	
Second Circuit - Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla		
Third Circuit - Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor	 3rd Judicial.pdf	
Fourth Circuit - <b>Clay*</b> , <b>Duval*</b> and <b>Nassau</b>	<div>   4th Judicial.pdf             4th Proc...ures.pdf         </div> <p>*Telephonic Appearances may be granted in limited amounts by the Clerk of Courts. See Attached.</p> <p>*Clay County Small Claims pretrials are being reset for a future date</p> <p>*Duval county has moved their Small Claims Pretrials held on 3/19 and 3/26 to 4/28 and 5/5 respectively</p>	

<p>Fifth Circuit - <b>Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter*</b></p>	<div data-bbox="326 142 626 445">  <p>5th Judicial.pdf</p> </div> <p>*Citrus, Hernando, Marion, Lake, Sumter Counties are closed until 3/27</p> <p>*Lake County has canceled small claims mediations for two weeks. (3/16)</p> <p><b>*UPDATE 03/26:</b> Lake County, Tavares Courthouse: "Small Claims mediations scheduled through 4/17 are CANCELLED and the clerk's office will be rescheduling them."</p> <p>*All hearings are to be conducted via electronic communication to the maximum extent feasible.</p>	
<p>Sixth Circuit - <b>Pasco*</b> and <b>Pinellas*</b></p>	<p>*Pasco &amp; Pinellas counties are closed for non-essential hearings, including mediations for pre-trial conferences.</p>	
<p>Seventh Circuit - Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia</p>	<div data-bbox="326 749 626 1052">  <p>7th Judicial.pdf</p> </div> <p>Closed until further notice</p>	
<p>Eighth Circuit - Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, and Union</p>	<div data-bbox="326 1123 626 1425">  <p>8th Judic...ircut.pdf</p> </div>	
<p>Ninth Circuit - Orange and Osceola</p>	<div data-bbox="326 1459 626 1761">  <p>AO 2020-... (2).pdf</p> </div> <p>Closed until further notice</p>	

<p>Tenth Circuit - Hardee, Highlands, and <b>Polk*</b></p>	<div data-bbox="321 142 626 445" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>*Polk County: multiple different closures. Please refer to link for further details</p>	
<p>Eleventh Circuit - <b>Miami-Dade</b></p>	<p><del>Miami-Dade county opens on March 30th</del></p> <p><b>UPDATE 03/27:</b> Miami-Dade now closed through April 17th</p> <p>COVID-19 Advisory #12: Administrative Order 20-04 Extends Postponement of Non-Mission Critical Court Proceedings Through April 17th, and Suspension of Time Limits and Deadlines Through April 20th</p> <p>COVID-19 ADVISORY #12</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-04 EXTENDS POSTPONEMENT</p> <p>OF NON-MISSION CRITICAL COURT PROCEEDINGS THROUGH APRIL 17TH,</p> <p>AND SUSPENSION OF TIME LIMITS AND DEADLINES THROUGH APRIL 20TH</p> <p>The Honorable Bertila Soto, Chief Judge of the Miami-Dade Courts, has issued Administrative Order (AO) 20-04, extending the postponement established in AO 20-03 of all non-emergency court proceedings, except emergency and mission-critical court matters, through Friday, April 17, 2020. However, non-emergency court proceedings will commence once a remote appearance technology platform is implemented, which will allow court proceedings to take place without in-person appearance.</p> <p>Emergency and mission critical court matters are defined in AO 20-04, attached. All filings related to emergency and mission critical court matters will be accepted by the Clerk of Courts.</p> <p>Also pursuant to AO 20-04, all time limits and deadlines set by judicial order and/or authorized by rule and statute applicable to: civil (including circuit and county), family, domestic violence, dependency, probate, small claims, traffic, bond forfeiture, and appellate proceedings are further suspended until the close of business day on Monday, April 20, 2020.</p> <p>For clarification, the suspension of time limits and deadlines began on the close of business day Friday, March 13, 2020 and is now extended through the close of business day Monday, April 20, 2020.</p> <p>Any deadlines falling within the time period listed above shall be extended 38 days* from the original deadline (*the sum total of days extended in AOs 20-03 and 20-04).</p> <p>These temporary emergency procedures are established to minimize the need for persons to appear in court, in order to reduce the transmission of coronavirus disease COVID-19. The time period for these emergency procedures may be further extended based on guidance from public health and government authorities and in coordination with the Florida Supreme Court. Future updates will be provided as needed.</p> <p>All court employees who have the capability to work remotely from home will do so in coordination with their supervisors.</p> <p>Pursuant to prior AOs and this AO 20-04, all court facilities remain closed to the public except for those individuals attending emergency or mission-critical court matters through Friday, April 17, 2020.</p> <p>Please continue to visit our website <a href="http://www.jud11.flcourts.org">www.jud11.flcourts.org</a> and social media @miamidadecourts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for future updates.</p>	

Twelfth Circuit - DeSoto, Manatee, and <b>Sarasota*</b>	<div data-bbox="324 142 626 445">  <p>12th Judicial.pdf</p> </div> <p>*Sarasota County Circuit's civil divisions A, C, E, and H, might be telephonic.</p>	
Thirteenth Circuit - <b>Hillsborough County</b>	<div data-bbox="324 520 626 823">  <p>13th Judicial.pdf</p> </div> <p>Hillsborough has called off jurors for next week, all other hearings and non-jury trials are still going forward.</p>	
Fourteenth Circuit - <b>Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington</b>	<div data-bbox="324 898 626 1201">  <p>14th Jud...ease.pdf</p> </div> <p>Jackson, Calhoun, Washington Holmes, and Bay 14th Circuit Courts Closed- no definitive date as of yet. All Civil and Probate proceedings shall be telephonic only unless otherwise ordered</p>	Yes
Fifteenth Circuit - <b>Palm Beach</b>	<div data-bbox="324 1318 626 1621">  <p>15th Judicial.pdf</p> </div> <p>Palm Beach court closures: 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/21, 5/1. West Palm Beach is closing courthouses on Fridays- Only on Fridays at this point.</p>	

Sixteenth Circuit - Monroe	<div data-bbox="324 142 626 443">  <p>16th Judicial.pdf</p> </div>	
Seventeenth Circuit - <b>Broward</b>	<div data-bbox="324 472 626 772">  <p>17th Jud...cuit.pdf</p> </div> <p>Closed</p>	
Eighteenth Circuit - Brevard, and <b>Seminole</b>	<div data-bbox="324 850 824 1350">  <p>brevard county.pdf</p> </div> <p>Closed</p>	
Nineteenth Circuit - Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie	<div data-bbox="324 1428 626 1728">  <p>19th Judicial .pdf</p> </div>	

Twentieth Circuit  
- Charlotte, **Collie**  
**r\***, Glades,  
Hendry, and Lee



20th Judicial.pdf

\*Collier County jury trials suspended between March 16 and March 27