

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Administrative Order 2021-17-Temp

**PERSONAL TRAVEL BY JUDGES AND
COURT ADMINISTRATION STAFF DURING COVID-19**

(a) Pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice.

(b) The Centers for Disease Control and the Florida Department of Health have advised people to take precautions in light of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, and specifically noting that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to the virus.

(c) Since March 17, 2020, the Florida Supreme Court has issued various emergency administrative orders addressing the judicial branch's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These administrative orders may be found by visiting the following web page: <https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Emergency>.

(d) On April 1, 2021, Chief Justice Canady issued an administrative order pertaining to personal travel by state courts system judges, officers, and employees, and specifically authorizing the chief judge to develop a written policy setting forth requirements for judges, officers, and employees who will personally travel internationally or on a cruise. *See* AOSC20-14, Amendment 2 (Apr. 1, 2021).

(e) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, and Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-14, Amendment 2 (April 1, 2021), and consistent with the latest travel recommendations promulgated by the CDC, it is hereby **ORDERED:**

(1) Any judge, judicial assistant, or court administration employee who will personally travel internationally or on a cruise should follow all recommendations

from the CDC upon return from such travel. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>. If any judge or court administration employee is unable to comply with the CDC recommendations upon their return from such travel, they shall notify the Chief Judge or Trial Court Administrator, as appropriate. Any judicial assistant who is unable to comply with the CDC recommendations upon their return from such travel shall notify their respective judge.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 12th day of April, 2021.

/s/ Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge