

17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

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**COURT FORMALIZES ACTIVITY REDUCTION MEASURES
THROUGH APRIL 20, 2020**

Having yesterday announced the cancellation of civil and family cases and an ordered slowdown of criminal and juvenile cases, 17th Circuit Chief Judge Eugene Doherty today issued formal orders for both measures effective until April 20, 2020.

The two orders provide as follows:

- With the exception of orders of protection and stalking/no contact orders, all civil and family court hearings prior to April 20, 2020, are cancelled. The court retains the ability to entertain emergency matters.
- Criminal and juvenile courtrooms will be reduced to essential, time-sensitive matters until April 20, 2020; the process of identifying those case will be managed individually in each courtroom in an orderly manner.

“These measures comply with the recommendations of health professionals,” Chief Judge Doherty said. “We have approached our civil and family cases with a broad cancellation approach, while utilizing a more careful, case-specific approach on criminal and juvenile matters to satisfy our legal and constitutional obligations.”

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