

**TEMPORARY PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
JUDGE CHARLES SCHWAB ST LUCIE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

All non-essential proceedings are suspended pursuant to Administrative Order 2020-01 In Re: Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19).

CRIMINAL FELONY:

If you need to schedule a hearing in a **felony criminal matter** that meets the criteria set forth in Administrative Order 2020-01 and any update thereto, please send an email to Knowlesg@circuit19.org.

1. Change of plea hearing that results in release from county jail.
2. Motion to modify monetary bond for defendants in custody.
3. Other emergency or time-sensitive matters as determined by the presiding judge.

PROCEDURE FOR SCHEDULING OF TIME SERVED CHANGE OF PLEAS

1. Defendant reviews and signs written plea form with defense counsel.
2. Defense counsel scans and emails the plea form to the assistant state attorney.
3. Assistant state attorney digitally signs plea form and emails the plea form and an accurate criminal punishment code score sheet to defense counsel.
4. Defense counsel reviews the score sheet for accuracy and if there are no objections, emails the signed plea form and score sheet to the Judicial Assistant with their request for a change of plea hearing.

NO HEARINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED UNLESS THE PARTIES COMPLY WITH THIS PROCEDURE.

Individuals wanting to observe court may come in person to the courthouse during Phase II or Phase III operations consistent with AOSC 20-32 (as amended). Check the court's [COVID](#) page for updates on courthouse status.

Social distancing practices will be in place for all in-person proceedings. If you are a defendant, please stay in contact with your attorney.

Please be sure to check this webpage for updates

Reference:

COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions

- [AOSC20-32](#) - ordered 5/21/2020
- [AOSC20-32](#) - Amendment 1 - ordered 6/16/2020
- [AOSC20-32](#) - Amendment 2 - ordered 7/2/2020
- [AOSC20-32](#) - Amendment 3 - ordered 8/12/2020