

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

No. AODOAH20-03

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

**WHEREAS**, in response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), I issued AODOAH20-01 to clarify the status of the Division offices and proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions giving rise to AODOAH20-01 continue to require emergency procedures;

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The provisions of AODOAH20-01 and AODOAH20-02 are extended through April 30, 2020.
2. The Tallahassee office of the Division of Administrative Hearings remains open.
3. Administrative Law Judges have been directed to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing.
4. For DOAH hearings scheduled outside of Tallahassee, where telephone or video would be impractical, the hearings will be continued until the expiration of this Order, unless extended by future order.
5. The Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims district offices remain open, except as follows:
  - a. The Miami Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims has been closed to public access.

- b. The Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims has been closed to public access.
6. Judges of Compensation Claims have been directed to use their discretion in the management of their dockets.
7. All mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be conducted telephonically through April 30, 2020.
8. To facilitate the ability for remote approval of worker's compensation settlements, the provisions of Florida Administrative Code Rule 60Q-6.123, requiring a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed is suspended for the duration of this order. The employee must still provide a non-sworn statement, and the parties should be on notice that pursuant to section 837.06, Florida Statutes, making a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her duty is a misdemeanor of the second degree.
9. Any party that may have concerns or requirements in regard to his or her ability to appear for a live hearing should communicate those concerns or requirements by motion to the Administrative Law Judge or Judge of Compensation Claims assigned to his or her case.
10. Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims are directed to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations.
11. As the response to the emergency develops, parties and practitioners are advised to monitor the websites of the Division of Administrative Hearings for any further updates regarding the Division's response.

DONE AND ORDERED this 3rd day of April, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon  
County, Florida.



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Filed with the Clerk of the  
Division of Administrative Hearings  
this 3rd day of April, 2020.