

**Emergency Order and Notice from  
WALDO COUNTY PROBATE COURT  
Safety and Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
MARCH 16, 2020**

In light of public health concerns arising from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Waldo County Probate Court is taking steps to adhere to the guidance provided by the Maine and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Persons identified as being infected by COVID-19, having had contact with those infected by COVID-19, or having visited areas identified as problematic due to the prevalence of COVID-19 should not come to the Probate Court.

The Probate Court is monitoring and managing the number of people in the courthouse in order to reduce the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19. That will affect the scheduling and hearing of cases.

The Waldo County Probate Court will remain open to serve the public but in-person visits are restricted. If you have questions about whether you should go to the courthouse, please call the Register of Probate Office at 207-338-2780. Forms can also be obtained by calling or at [maineprobate.net](http://maineprobate.net).

**CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS**


Effective immediately and continuing until the earlier of further Order of this court or May 1, 2020, all in-person court events before the Waldo County Probate Court shall be postponed. All previously-scheduled matters shall be held telephonically, unless otherwise ordered by the court. Any new matters will be postponed until after May 1, 2020, unless the matter can be addressed telephonically, as appropriate.

If a party or the party's attorney contends that there are urgent and compelling reasons that the court should hold the party's hearing in-person before May 1, 2020, the party or counsel shall immediately file a written motion, which must be served on the other party or parties, explaining why this particular case must be heard in-person before May 1. If any party objects to the motion, it must file its written opposition within three days after the motion is filed. The court will rule on the motion expeditiously.

Extension of this time period will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with notice provided to all parties.

The court is still accepting filings through its e-filing system or by mail.

Dated: March 16, 2020

  
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JUDGE OF PROBATE  
SEAN OCIEPKA