

Carroll County Probate Court

Edith F. Haney, Judge

NOTICE

On May 11,2020, Chief Justice Harold Melton of the Georgia Supreme Court issued a Second Order Extending the Statewide Judicial Emergency in the State of Georgia (the "Order"). This Order directs courts regarding efforts to resume court operations in a manner that protects public health. **Currently the Statewide Judicial Emergency Order terminates on June 12, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., unless otherwise extended.**

As a result of this Order, the Probate Court of Carroll County will continue essential operations and begin to resume non-essential operations within the following guidelines, designed to protect the safety of our citizens and our staff:

- 1. The Probate Court will continue to operate on an "appointment only" basis until further notice. We will resume accepting appointments for non-essential matters (including Applications for Weapons Carry License), in addition to essential matters, on **May 14, 2020**.
- **2.** We will continue to accept court filings via U.S. Mail. In addition, we will accept drop-off filings at the security checkpoint on the first floor of the Courthouse. We will be providing email confirmation of "stamp filed" status. Standard filing forms are available at https://www.gasupreme.us/probate-court-standard-forms/.
- **3.** In accordance with the Order, jury trials are prohibited and will not be conducted or scheduled until further notice.
- **4.** To the extent possible, and considering the circumstances and the parties of each case, we will begin to resume other authorized court proceedings. We will endeavor to use technology to conduct judicial proceedings remotely as a preferred alternative to in-person proceedings.
- 5. As authorized in the Order, and in the interests of disposing of judicial matters promptly and efficiently, the Court will consider reimposing deadlines that have been suspended, tolled or extended on a case by case basis.

For Appointments, call 770-830-5840 or email: probateinfo@carrollcountyga.com. Please see Requirements for Probate Court Appointments on our website for procedures to be observed for the public health safety of our citizens and our Court staff.

If you are currently a Weapons Carry License holder and your permit is up for renewal, please be advised that the Emergency Order both extends the license expiration date and the statutory renewal period. In addition, on May 8, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp issued an Executive Order extending the renewal period for any Weapons Carry License expiring between February 13, 2020 and June 12, 2020. The renewal period for these expiring licenses will be extended to 120 days from the date of expiration.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate this unprecedented situation in real time. Please visit our website https://www.carrollcountyga.com/223/Probate-Court or contact our office at 770-830-5840 or probateinfo@carrollcountyga.com.