

**PROBATE COURT OF BIBB COUNTY**

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**NOTICE PURSUANT TO STATEWIDE ORDER DECLARING  
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

A statewide Judicial Emergency Order was signed by Chief Justice Harold Melton on March 14, 2020. The Order states that courts “should remain open to address essential functions, and in particular courts should give priority to matters defined as those necessary to protect health, safety, and liberty of individuals.” The Council of Probate Court Judges, with advice from the Supreme Court of Georgia, have worked to develop guidance to the Probate Courts of Georgia.

The Bibb County Probate Court remains open to serve our citizens; however, the safety and welfare of our citizens and those persons using the court system is critical.

The following limitations will apply, effective immediately:

- Applications for Marriage Licenses will be **by appointment only**. Appointments can be made by calling the License Division (478) 621-6493 or by email: [emiller@maconbibb.us](mailto:emiller@maconbibb.us)  
Applications are available online and should be completed before the appointment.  
<https://www.maconbibb.us/probate-court-marriage-licenses/>
- Weapons Carry License applications and renewals are **temporarily suspended**.
- If you are due to renew your Weapons Carry License during the Emergency period, **your license will not expire**. You will still be able to renew after the Emergency ends. Presently, that date is April 14, 2020. If that date is extended, further order will issue.

*To give you a concrete example of how this will work, simply add 30 days to whatever your expiration or renewal deadline is. A license expiring March 18, 2020, will expire April 17, 2020. The renewal deadline will extend to May 17, 2020.*

- Inquiries and filings for Estate and Guardianship matters, including Temporary Guardianships of Minors, by self-represented persons will be by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the Probate Division (478) 621-6494 or by email: [cpresley@maconbibb.us](mailto:cpresley@maconbibb.us)

Information and forms related to the Probate Court can be found on our website:  
<https://www.maconbibb.us/probate-court-probate-proceedings/>

- Emergency proceedings and matters involving mental health will continue to be addressed as usual. Please advise the deputies upon arrival to the courthouse if you are here for an emergency mental health order or Order to Apprehend.
- For safety and welfare, we strongly discourage any nonessential persons from coming to the Courthouse or attending hearings.
- Many Bibb County Probate records can be found online at:  
<https://www.georgiaprobaterecords.com/>

Any further modifications of our procedure will be posted on the Court website. We will strive to meet the needs of our citizens in a safe and efficient manner.

*All individuals visiting the Courthouse should follow the recommendations of the Center for Disease control and the Georgia Department of Public Health. Please refrain from coming to the Courthouse if you have a fever or symptoms of respiratory illness or have been exposed to a person with coronavirus, flu, or any other transmittable disease.*



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