

**** COVID-19 NOTICE ****

York County Government is making best efforts to “flatten the curve” to inhibit the spread of COVID-19. To assist in that effort, the York County Probate Court is taking the following measures **effective immediately**, which will remain in place until further notice. We hope this helps you and your family stay safe and healthy until the pandemic subsides.

In-Person Estate Administration Appointments:

The Court currently has numerous appointments scheduled, many with multiple people participating. Due to our space limitations, these are held in close quarters.

Unless the South Carolina Supreme Court and South Carolina Court Administration close the courts, these appointments will go forward; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, no new appointments will be scheduled prior to April 17, 2020. If you come to the Court without an appointment, we will schedule an appointment for you after April 17, 2020.

Much of the Court’s everyday business can be done by telephone, mail or email, please use these methods rather than coming to the Court. If you need to begin an estate administration informally, call the Court and you will be advised by Court staff.

Formal proceedings (probate lawsuits) may also be initiated by mail; please call the Court for information.

Estate and Guardianship/Conservatorship (GC) Administrative Filings

Please send your Estate filings and your GC Annual Reports and Accountings and any fees due by mail. Do not bring them to the Court in person.

All previously scheduled GC trials will go forward as planned.

Marriage Licenses

Unless you are getting married before April 17, 2020, or have intervening circumstances such as out-of-state military service, please **do not** come to the Court to apply for a marriage license before **April 17, 2020**. If necessary to apply before April 17, 2020, only you and your co-applicant may come in.

If you need a copy of your marriage license, you may request it by mail on or on-line. See other information on the Probate Court webpage.

Trials/Hearings:

The Court has numerous trials/hearings scheduled, many with multiple parties, some lasting for several hours.

Unless the South Carolina Supreme Court and South Carolina Court Administration close the courts, these hearings and appointments will go forward. No other hearings or trials will be scheduled prior to May 15, 2020, except for certain supplemental involuntary commitment hearings which are already on the calendar through July 2020.

Involuntary Commitments:

All involuntary commitment proceedings, including supplemental proceedings, will go forward as scheduled, whether at Piedmont Medical Center, Keystone, Catawba Mental Health Center, or the Courthouse.