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# COVID-19 Response

Due to the emergency declarations issued by President Donald Trump and Governor Gretchen Whitmer, as well as, Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-1, the Macomb County Probate Court, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, will only be accepting emergency filings and will only conduct emergency hearings effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until such time as the state of emergency resolves. All other currently scheduled hearings will be adjourned, except for the mental health dockets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Court will notify parties of the new hearing dates.

The emergency filings that will be accepted after Wednesday, March 18, 2020 include the following:

1. Mental health pick-up/transport orders;
2. Other mental health petitions, including petitions for hospitalization;
3. Petitions for immediate funeral/burial arrangements;
4. Guardianships involving life-threatening medical emergencies;
5. Conservatorships with immediate pending evictions/foreclosures/shut off notices;
6. Estates where immediate access to a residence is necessary;
7. Requests for ex-parte temporary restraining orders; and
8. Emergency petitions filed by Adult Protective Services.

The public is asked to check our website at [www.probatecourt.macombgov.org](http://www.probatecourt.macombgov.org) or call (586) 469-5290 with any questions. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this public health emergency.

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