



# News Release

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**Coronavirus / COVID 19 Updates:** <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/covid19.php>

## Charleston County Government Coronavirus / COVID 19 Information

As a reminder to citizens, Charleston County Government buildings are closed to the public until further notice. Services will continue with limited staff available by phone and email during normal business hours. Please expect some delays in response.

On-line service are available here: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/clickandgo.php>

### Charleston County Probate Court:

Original filings regarding Wills and Estates may be mailed to the Probate Court, 84 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401. The phone number is 843-958-5030.

Original filings regarding Guardian, Conservator and Trusts, Commitment Proceedings, Marriage Licenses and Problem Solving Courts, may be mailed to the Probate Court, 100 Broad Street, Suite 469, Charleston, SC 29401. The phone number is 843-958-5180.

Please note that you may also use the drop box in the lobby at 100 Broad Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for now for any pleadings or filings with the Probate Court.

For emergency estate proceedings, please contact Alison Atwood, at 843-958-5031 or [aatwood@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:aatwood@charlestoncounty.org). For emergency guardianship/conservatorship proceedings, please contact Elizabeth Sykes at 843-958-5187 or [esykes@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:esykes@charlestoncounty.org).

### Marriage License:

See LOVE - Live Online Virtual E-marriage application ~ To apply for a marriage license online:

<https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/probate/marriage-license.php#online-marriage-license-application>

For additional questions regarding marriage licenses, please dial 843-958-5183 for Portia Geathers, or [pgeathers@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:pgeathers@charlestoncounty.org), Regina LeBlanc at 843-958-5192, or [rleblanc@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:rleblanc@charlestoncounty.org), Judge Irvin Condon, 843-817-2039, or [irvcondon@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:irvcondon@charlestoncounty.org).

### Magistrate Court:

The Magistrates courts have revised their staffing schedule to 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. During these limited hours staff will be available to answer phone calls, respond to emails, process incoming mail, download web payments and process incoming correspondence left in drop boxes.

- Bond Hearings will be held daily at 10:00 a.m. only.
- All Emergency Hearings will be held at the Bond Hearing Court facility between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. as needed.

### Clerk of Court:

The Charleston County Judicial Complex will only be open to the public Monday - Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All court filings must be left in the drop-box located in the lobby. Additionally, any Family Court purge payments and emergency filings must be done during this time period. Staff will also be available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. by phone or email. For questions, please email [clerkofcourt@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:clerkofcourt@charlestoncounty.org) or by calling 843-958-5000 for Circuit Court or 843-958-4400 for Family Court.

Child support and alimony payments should be made to the South Carolina State Disbursement Unit in one of three ways:

- Personal Check mailed to: South Carolina SDU, P.O. Box 100302, Columbia, SC 29202
- Electronic Payment from Bank: [www.expertpay.com](http://www.expertpay.com)
- Credit/Debit Card: [www.e-childspay.com](http://www.e-childspay.com)

#### **Solid Waste Operations:**

- The Bees Ferry Landfill and Convenience Centers are on a normal schedule
- Recycling collections will operate as scheduled next week - To protect the health and safety of our drivers, Charleston County Environmental Management will be collecting material contained inside your recycling cart ONLY. Do not leave material outside of your cart. Please flatten all cardboard boxes and cut them to size, if necessary. Overflow recyclable material may be dropped off at any one of Charleston County's many dropsite locations.

#### **Charleston Center:**

- Charleston Center is currently not accepting new admissions. Citizens may call the helpline at (843) 722-0100 for updates. The Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) remains open and operating on a normal schedule.

#### **Board of Elections and Voter Registration:**

- The Charleston County Board of Elections will remain open for candidate filling until noon on March 30. Candidates are asked to not wait until Monday to file and please schedule appointments online: <https://www.picktime.com/chscandidatefiling>

#### **Charleston County Master in Equity**

The Charleston County Master in Equity, following the guidance of the South Carolina Chief Justice, has postponed all previously scheduled foreclosure hearings through April and all foreclosure sales are cancelled through May. Additionally, all in-court appearances are cancelled through April.

Attorneys who wish to have their currently scheduled status or motion hearings held via telephone conference are requested to notify this court the week ahead of the currently scheduled time. These telephone hearings will be scheduled as needed and may be re-scheduled from their currently set time as my docket is now set through May.

This office will reassess the situation as it develops and guidance is given but, for now, we seek to exercise caution and to keep the office functioning during this difficult time.

#### **Public Defenders Office:**

During this period of suspended operations in Charleston County, if an adult or juvenile needs to apply for representation for an appointed lawyer in a General Sessions, Magistrate or Family Court juvenile criminal matter, they may call (843) 958-1850, Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

Office staff will be on duty and they will arrange for them to be screened by telephone to see if they financially qualify for appointed counsel. If they qualify, counsel will be assigned.

#### **Register of Deeds Office Information:**

Citizens should utilize the Register of Deeds drop-off location (on the first floor of the O.T. Wallace Building located at 101 Meeting Street, Charleston) until further notice. All documents should be sealed in an envelope with the correct contact information. Checks only please.

If you are requesting personal and business research on property and or other property concerns, please call the Register of Deeds office at 843-958-4800 or email [mgray@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:mgray@charlestoncounty.org)

#### **Alternative Early / Late Entry for Abstractors**

- 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. / 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Open to abstractors (list of abstractors must be provided to the security officers) Must be on the list and show proper ID to enter the building.
- A county employee must be present in the ROD office during the allotted time. (Not a ROD employee).
- All abstractors must "Wear Gloves" while in the office and they must wipe/clean their area or space after usage. Abstractors must provide their own gloves.

Spanish Line: 843.746.3909

SCDHEC Care Line: 1-855-472-3432 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for questions about COVID-19

MUSC Health: Virtual Care 843-792-7000 or <http://campaigns.muschealth.org/virtual-care/index.html>

Roper St Francis Virtual Care: <http://rsfh.com/virtualcare>

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- Visit our website: [www.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.charlestoncounty.org)



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