

PROBATE COURT OF BIBB COUNTY

SARAH S. HARRIS, JUDGE
BIBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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**NOTICE PURSUANT TO STATEWIDE ORDER DECLARING
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

The Bibb County Probate Court remains open to serve our citizens; however, the safety and welfare of our citizens, employees and those persons using the court system is critical. Due to the recent increase in infections in Macon-Bibb County some court services must be modified and physical access to the Court must be limited.

The following limitations will apply, effective immediately:

- Every person entering the Probate Court offices **MUST** wear a face covering.
- No person is allowed entry to the Probate Court offices without an appointment.
- The Probate Court will follow the Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines if an employee tests positive for COVID-19. If the Court must close to the public, persons with appointments will be notified by either email or telephone. It is important that you make sure your voice mail is set up to receive messages.

Applications for Marriage License and Weapons Carry License, new and renewal, are by appointment only

IF YOUR WEAPONS CARRY LICENSE EXPIRED AFTER MARCH 13, 2020, YOU HAVE 120 DAYS, AFTER THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR LICENSE, TO RENEW— YOUR LICENSE IS STILL VALID DURING THIS 120 DAY PERIOD

- Applications **MUST** be completed online before an appointment is scheduled. You must have a confirmation number to make an appointment.

<https://www.maconbibb.us/probate-court-marriage-licenses/>

<https://www.maconbibb.us/probate-court-weapons-carry-licenses/>

- After completing your application, you may request an appointment by emailing your confirmation number and a current telephone number to:

probatecourt-licensediv@maconbibb.us

If you are unable to email, leave a message at 478-621-6493. The message must include your return telephone number. If you have a cell phone calls from the courthouse may display as spam, calls from the courthouse will begin with **621**.

- The Probate Court does not perform Marriage Ceremonies.
- Filings for Estate and Guardianship matters, including Temporary Guardianship of Minors, are by mail only or placed in the mailbox outside of the Probate Court

Questions? Email: 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/>
- The Probate Court will continue to utilize video conferencing for hearings and related matters, where appropriate.
- 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.
- Telephone calls to the Bibb County Probate Court will be returned promptly, please make certain you include a telephone number with the message and that your voice mail is receiving messages.
- 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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