

# COVID-19: Emergency Remote Online Notarization State Chart

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*This Legal Update provides an overview of states permitting remote online notarization of legal documents on a temporary basis as a result of 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). These temporary measures facilitate the closing of real estate transactions while limiting unnecessary public gatherings.*

In response to the national emergency caused by the outbreak of the **2019 novel coronavirus disease** (COVID-19), many states are enacting emergency legislation allowing remote online notarization of legal documents. Remote online notarization allows a remote principal to appear before a notary public at the time of notarization using audiovisual technology, rather than being present in the same room. This allows individuals to execute certain legal documents, including documents necessary for closing real estate transactions, while practicing the social distancing necessary to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

## Emergency Remote Online Notarization State Chart

The chart below highlights states that have adopted emergency measures to permit remote online notarization on a temporary basis due to COVID-19. It provides expiration dates, where applicable, for each state's temporary order. This chart does not include states that already have permanent legislation in effect permitting remote online notarization. Counsel should refer to each state's order for specific standards and processes that a remote notary must comply with and confirm that all parties to the transaction will accept documents executed with a remote notary.

This chart is current through April 1, 2020 and the information in the chart is subject to change. This chart is to be continually monitored and regularly updated as new states announce they will temporarily allow remote online notarization.

State	Emergency Remote Online Notarization
Alabama	Available for the duration of the public health emergency unless rescinded or extended by proclamation (see <a href="#">State of Alabama Proclamation by the Governor</a> ).
Arkansas	Available for the duration of the state of emergency (see <a href="#">Executive Order 20-12</a> ).
Colorado	Available through April 26, 2020 (see <a href="#">Executive Order D 2020-019</a> ).
Connecticut	Available through June 23, 2020 (see <a href="#">Executive Order No. 7K</a> ).

<b>Georgia</b>	Available for the duration of the Public Health State of Emergency (see <a href="#">Executive Order 03.31.20.01</a> ).
<b>Illinois</b>	Available for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation (see <a href="#">Executive Order 2020-14</a> ).
<b>Iowa</b>	Available through April 16, 2020 (see <a href="#">Proclamation of Disaster Emergency</a> ).
<b>Louisiana</b>	Available through April 13, 2020 (see <a href="#">Proclamation Number 37 JBE 2020</a> ).
<b>Maryland</b>	Available for the duration of the state of emergency (see <a href="#">Executive Order Number 20-03-30-04</a> ).
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Available for the duration of the state of emergency (see <a href="#">Executive Order 2020-04 #11</a> ).
<b>New York</b>	Available through April 18, 2020 (see <a href="#">Executive Order No. 202.7</a> ).
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Available subject to some limitations for the duration of the state of emergency (see <a href="#">Notice: Limited Suspension of In-person Regulatory Requirements for Notaries for Real Estate Transactions</a> ).
<b>Vermont</b>	Available through September 20, 2020 (see <a href="#">Emergency Administrative Rules for Remote Notarial Acts and Guidance on Emergency Rules for Notaries Public and Remote Notarization</a> ).
<b>Washington</b>	Available through April 26, 2020 (see <a href="#">Proclamation 20-27</a> ).
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Available until further notice (see <a href="#">Emergency Guidance on Remote Notarization</a> ). Permanent remote online notarization legislation takes effect on May 1, 2020
<b>Wyoming</b>	Available until the earlier of July 1, 2020, or the date the Governor lifts the present state of emergency (see <a href="#">Guidance on Temporary Remote Online Notarization</a> ).