

Filing Methods for Emergency Actions as defined by Probate and Family Court Standing Order 2-20: Court Operations under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19

Filing Methods for Emergency Actions

NOTE: This list does not include all forms required to initiate an action. Please visit our forms page for specific forms required for filing:

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/probate-and-family-court-forms>

Action from Standing Order 2-20	Proceeding	Recommended Filing Method
Petitions/motions seeking a Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate/ Comfort Measures Only (DNR/DNI/CMO) order, authorization for medical treatment order, or order for antipsychotic medication;	Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Adult (with request for DNR/DNI/CMO, authorization for medical treatment, authorization to treat with anti-psychotic medication)	E-mail or E-Filed (efilema.com)
	Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor (with request for DNR/DNI/CMO, authorization for medical treatment, authorization to treat with anti-psychotic medication)	E-mail
	Motion with request for DNR/DNI/CMO, authorization for medical treatment, authorization to treat with anti-psychotic medication in existing case	E-mail
Petitions seeking appointment of a temporary guardian or conservator;	Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Adult with motion for appointment of temporary guardian	E-mail or e-Filed (efilema.org)
	Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor with verified motion for appointment of temporary guardian	E-mail

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	Petition for Appointment of Conservator of Adult or Minor with motion for appointment of temporary conservator	E-mail
Petitions pursuant to G. L. c. 19A, § 20 and G. L. c. 19C, § 7 – protective services;		E-mail
Health Care Proxy actions;	Petition for Special Proceeding in re: Health care Proxy	E-mail
Petitions/Motions for Appointment of Special Personal Representative;	Petition for Appointment of Special Personal Representative	E-mail
	Motion for Appointment of Special Personal Representative in an existing case	E-mail
Petitions for marriage without delay;	Marriage without delay	E-mail
Complaints for Dependency (SIJS) if the child will turn 21 prior to May 1, 2020;	Complaint for Dependency (SIJS)	E-mail
All requests for injunctive relief;		E-mail
Motions for temporary orders where exceptional/exigent circumstances have been demonstrated	Motion in existing case	E-mail
Contempt actions where exceptional/exigent circumstances have been demonstrated	Complaint for Contempt	E-mail
Complaints for protection from abuse	Complaint for protection from abuse and affidavit of petitioner	In person or by e-mail (see attached fillable form)

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List of Court E-Mail Addresses and Phone Numbers

NOTE: For general questions, please use general court call line: 1-833-91COURT (1-833-912-6878)

Division	Email Address	Telephone Number to Handle Emergency Actions
Barnstable	barnstableprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(508) 375-6710
Berkshire	berkshireprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(413) 442-6941
Bristol	bristolprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(508) 977-6040
Dukes	dukesprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(508) 627-4703
Essex	Essexcorrespondences@jud.state.ma.us	SALEM: (978) 740-4143 LAWRENCE: (978) 686-9692
Franklin	franklinprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(413) 775-7460
Hampshire	Hampshireprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(413) 586-8500
Hampden	hampdenprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(413) 748-7600
Middlesex	middlesexprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(617) 768-5800
Norfolk	norfolkprobate@jud.state.ma.us	781-830-1278
Nantucket	nantucketprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(508) 228-2669
Plymouth	Plymouthprobate@jud.state.ma.us	(508) 897-5400
Suffolk	Suffolkquestions@jud.state.ma.us	(617) 788-8300
Worcester	wpfc@jud.state.ma.us	(508) 831-2200