

STATE OF MAINE
SUPERIOR COURT
DISTRICT COURT

EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDING UNEXPIRED DEADLINES

Effective March 17, 2020

In light of the suspension of certain types of civil and family litigation due to public health concerns arising from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), effective March 17, 2020, and until further order of the court, IT IS ORDERED that 49 calendar days¹ are added to any unexpired deadline established by court order or court rules. This order does not apply to the following case types:

- Unified Criminal Docket
- Juvenile Court
- Protection from Abuse
- Protection from Harassment
- Child Protection
- Involuntary Mental Health Commitment

This order does not extend any statutory requirements or deadlines, including but not limited to, statutes of limitations and statutory deadlines for appeals of governmental actions and decisions.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 17, 2020

_____/s/_____
Robert E. Mullen, Chief Justice
Maine Superior Court

_____/s/_____
Susan Sparaco, Chief Judge
Maine District Court

_____/s/_____
Jed French, Deputy Chief Judge
Maine District Court

¹ This will ensure that the deadline as extended will fall on the same day of the week as the original. For example, if the current deadline is Monday, March 23, 2020, this order extends the deadline to Monday, May 11, 2020.