

## REGION 1 - MAINE ECOURTS DEPLOYMENT

The next implementation of Maine eCourts and eFiling is Judicial Region 1 (York County) on Monday, March 30, 2026. All case types – civil, family, juvenile, and criminal cases – will be included. Region 1 courts are all housed at the York Judicial Center and consist of:

- York County Unified Criminal Docket (“UCD”)
- York County Superior Court
- Biddeford District Court
- All cases from legacy courts Springvale District Court and York District Court

In order for court staff to prepare for the go-live, the York Judicial Center Region 1 courts will be closed before the go-live date. As a reminder, March 30 through April 3 is a scheduled Administrative Week. Please see the closure schedule below.

### York Judicial Center Schedule

March 23, 2026 – March 27, 2026				
Monday MARCH 23 OPEN	Tuesday MARCH 24 <b>CLOSED</b>	Wednesday MARCH 25 <b>CLOSED</b>	*Thursday MARCH 26 <b>CLOSED</b> <small>*ShareFile disabled at 2PM</small>	Friday MARCH 27 <b>CLOSED</b>
Admin Week: March 30, 2026 – April 3, 2026				
*Monday March 30 OPEN 12–4PM <small>*First day of eFiling</small>	Tuesday March 31 OPEN 12–4PM	Wednesday April 1 OPEN 12–4PM	Thursday April 2 OPEN 12–4PM	Friday April 3 OPEN 12–4PM

### How to Submit an Emergency Filing While the Court is Closed

PLEASE NOTE: These instructions apply only to filings submitted during business hours. If all courts are closed and the request can be submitted after the close of business, the standard after-hours procedures remain in effect.

- **Complaint for Protection from Abuse/Harassment**
  - Email: Filings permitted to be emailed pursuant to [PMO-SJC-3](#) are to be sent to the Region 1 email ([region1pafilings@courts.maine.gov](mailto:region1pafilings@courts.maine.gov)) as normal.
  - In-person: Go to Portland District Court or the nearest open court.
- **Mental Health - Involuntary Commitment**
  - In-Person: Go to Portland District Court
  - Fax: Fax submissions for emergency involuntary commitment (“Blue Papers”) only are permitted as normal.
- **Weapons Restriction Orders**
  - Yellow Flag: Law enforcement must either: go to Portland District Court or contact another court for instructions.

- Red Flag: In-person filings will be accepted at the Portland District Court or the nearest open court.
- **Request for Preliminary Protection Orders (Child Protection)**
  - Email: Requests made during a Maine eCourt implementation court closure can be emailed and sent to:
    - Portland District Court: [clerks-portland@courts.maine.gov](mailto:clerks-portland@courts.maine.gov)
  - In-Person: Go to the nearest open court.
- **Arrest Warrants and Search Warrants**
  - Law enforcement must either: go to Portland District Court or contact another court for instructions.

**IN-PERSON FILINGS:** If you choose to file in-person at Portland District Court, check to make sure the court is open here: [www.courts.maine.gov/courts/alerts.shtml](http://www.courts.maine.gov/courts/alerts.shtml).

### **ShareFile to be Disabled**

**Please be aware on Thursday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m. ShareFile will be disabled for all criminal, civil violation, and juvenile filings, as well as GAL vouchers, and attorney billing procedures.** Starting on Monday, March 30, attorneys must instead begin using eFileMaine to submit these to a Region 1 court.

### **Training and Resources**

As of March 30, 2026, all mandatory electronic filers will be required to eFile into Region 1 courts. You must prepare if you are a mandatory electronic filer. Here are a few of the many resources available to help you:

- Maine eCourts Page: <https://www.courts.maine.gov/ecourts/index.html>. Visit the eCourts page to find everything you need to know about eFiling, accessing electronic court records, paying court fines, news and announcements, frequently asked questions, and much more.
- Training and Resources: <https://www.courts.maine.gov/ecourts/efile-resources.html>. Many guides, instructional documents, recorded presentations, demos, and trainings are available.
- Maine Rules of Electronic Court Systems: <https://www.courts.maine.gov/rules/text/mreecs.pdf>