

## REGION 7 - MAINE ECOURTS DEPLOYMENT

The next implementation of Maine eCourts and eFiling is Judicial Region 7 (Hancock County and Washington County) on Monday, July 27, 2026. All case types – civil, family, juvenile, and criminal cases – will be included. Region 7 includes all of the following:

- Hancock County Unified Criminal Docket (UCD)
- Hancock County Superior Court
- Ellsworth District Court
- Washington County Unified Criminal Docket (UCD)
- Washington County Superior Court
- Machias District Court
- Calais District Court

In order for court staff to prepare for the go-live, **Region 7 courts will be intermittently closed during the two weeks before the go-live date.** As a reminder, July 27 – July 31 is a scheduled Administrative Week, and courts are thus closed from 8 until 12 on those dates. Please see the closure schedule below.

### Hancock County Superior Court – Ellsworth District Court

July 13, 2026 – July 17, 2026				
Monday JULY 13 OPEN	Tuesday JULY 14 OPEN	Wednesday JULY 15 OPEN	Thursday JULY 16 OPEN	Friday JULY 17 OPEN
July 20, 2026 – July 24, 2026				
Monday JULY 20 OPEN	Tuesday JULY 21 <b>CLOSED</b>	Wednesday JULY 22 <b>CLOSED</b>	*Thursday JULY 23 <b>CLOSED</b> <small>*ShareFile disabled at 2PM</small>	Friday JULY 24 <b>CLOSED</b>
July 27, 2026 – July 31, 2026 Statewide Administrative Week				
*Monday JULY 27 OPEN 12–4PM <small>*First day of eFiling</small>	Tuesday JULY 28 OPEN 12–4PM	Wednesday JULY 29 OPEN 12–4PM	Thursday JULY 30 OPEN 12–4PM	Friday JULY 31 OPEN 12 – 4PM

### Washington County Superior Court – Machias District Court

July 13, 2026 – July 17, 2026				
Monday JULY 13 OPEN	Tuesday JULY 14 OPEN	Wednesday JULY 15 OPEN	Thursday JULY 16 <b>CLOSED</b>	Friday JULY 17 <b>CLOSED</b>

July 20, 2026 – July 24, 2026				
Monday JULY 20 <b>CLOSED</b>	Tuesday JULY 21 <b>CLOSED</b>	Wednesday JULY 22 <b>CLOSED</b>	*Thursday JULY 23 <b>CLOSED</b> *ShareFile disabled at 2PM	Friday JULY 24 <b>CLOSED</b>
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### Calais District Court

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### 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 7 email ([region7pafilings@courts.maine.gov](mailto:region7pafilings@courts.maine.gov)) as normal.
- In-person: Go to the nearest open court.

Statewide helplines for **domestic violence** are available as follows:

**Statewide Domestic Abuse Helpline: 1-866-834-HELP** (free and confidential). Individuals who are deaf, late-deafened, or hard of hearing: 1-800-437-1220.

**Statewide Sexual Assault Helpline: 1-800-871-7741** (free and confidential)

- **Mental Health - Involuntary Commitment**
  - In-Person: Go to the nearest open court.
  - Fax: Fax submissions for emergency involuntary commitment (“Blue Papers”) only are permitted as normal.
- **Weapons Restriction Orders**
  - Yellow Flag: Law enforcement must contact an open court for instructions.
  - Red Flag: In-person filings will be accepted at 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:
    - Ellsworth District Court: [clerks-ellsworth@courts.maine.gov](mailto:clerks-ellsworth@courts.maine.gov)
    - Machias District Court: [clerks-machias@courts.maine.gov](mailto:clerks-machias@courts.maine.gov)
    - Calais District Court: [clerks-calais@courts.maine.gov](mailto:clerks-calais@courts.maine.gov)
  - In-Person: Go to the nearest open court.
- **Arrest Warrants and Search Warrants**
  - Law enforcement must contact an open court for instructions.

**IN-PERSON FILINGS:** If you choose to file in-person, 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, July 23, 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, July 27, attorneys must instead begin using eFileMaine to submit these to a Region 7 court.

### Training and Resources

As of July 27, 2026, all mandatory electronic filers will be required to eFile into Region 7 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/mrecs.pdf>