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Maine Judicial Branch Announces New and Revised Pandemic Management Orders

Portland ME – The Maine Judicial Branch issued a revision to Pandemic Management Order PMO-SJC-3 and issued new Pandemic Management Order PMO-SJC-8. The full text of both orders is linked below:

- [PMO-SJC-3](#)
- [PMO-SJC-8](#)

The previous revision to PMO-SJC-3 on September 3, 2020 rescinded the emergency order allowing electronic filing in a variety of cases. The new revision, effective today, September 23, 2020, adds a provision allowing representatives of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to continue to file paper Petitions for Preliminary Protection Orders notwithstanding the Maine Rules for Electronic Court Systems (RECS) which will take effect in Bangor in October.

PMO-SJC-8 is a new PMO that allows individuals represented by attorneys in criminal cases who are charged with Class A, B, or C offenses to waive their initial appearance upon their attorney's entry of appearance and certifications as provided in the PMO.

Please visit the Judicial Branch's webpage at: <https://www.courts.maine.gov/covid19.shtml> for the latest information about the Judicial Branch's response to COVID-19 and related court orders can be found.

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