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News Release

Grand Traverse County Probate Court
Traverse City, MI – March 17, 2020

Following the Declaration of Emergency by Governor Whitmer regarding the spread of COVID-19 virus and to protect our vulnerable population, the Grand Traverse County Probate Court will only conduct emergency hearings, effective March 17, 2020 through April 30, 2020. All hearings currently scheduled during this period will be adjourned to a date after May 1, 2020. If you currently have a hearing scheduled, Court staff will be in contact with you for direction on how to proceed.

Starting March 17, 2020, filings will not be accepted in-person at the Probate Court.

All filings that are non-emergency, must be mailed to the Probate Court with the appropriate fee **or** emailed to probate@grandtraverse.org with the appropriate fee mailed thereafter **or** faxed to 231-922-4458 with the appropriate fee mailed thereafter.

Emergency filings will be accepted in-person or by email (with the appropriate fee mailed thereafter) during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). These include:

- Mental health pick-up/transport orders
- Other mental health petitions
- Guardianships involving life-threatening medical emergencies
- Conservatorships with immediate pending evictions/foreclosures/shut off notices
- Petitions for the sale of real property
- Estates where immediate access to residence is necessary
- Petitions for immediate funeral/burial arrangements
- Requests for ex parte temporary restraining orders
- Emergency petitions filed by Adult Protective Services


The Grand Traverse County Probate Court will be closed to the public as to all other matters. For emergency hearings, the Court will utilize remote appearance when possible. To arrange appearance by telephone, please contact the Court immediately at 231-922-6862.

Until further notice, any new pleading that requires a hearing will be scheduled after May 1, 2020.

Below is the contact information for the Grand Traverse County Probate Court:

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