

News Advisory

From the Rhode Island Judiciary



Emergency court measures extended to May 17

April 8, 2020: An executive order issued today by Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell continues emergency measures that were first implemented on March 17 and were due to expire on April 17.

Highlights of today's executive order include:

- An extension of emergency measures until May 17.
- The Noel Judicial Complex (Kent County) and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal will reopen next Monday, April 13. Those two buildings were closed this week because of COVID-19 related issues. The McGrath Judicial Complex (Washington County) and the Murray Judicial Complex (Newport County) will remain closed.
- Evictions cannot be filed and will not be permitted until after May 17.
- The courts are making technological accommodations to make remote hearings accessible to the public.
- Procedures for gaining limited access to courthouses, including the news media.
- Several other provisions.

The executive order may be viewed on the Judiciary's website: www.courts.ri.gov

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