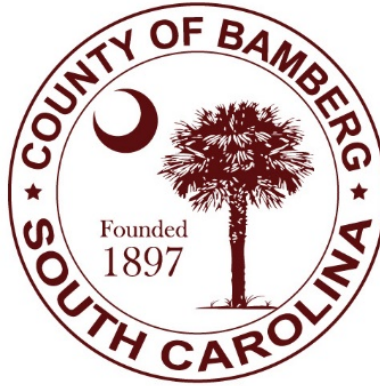


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Press Release

To: News Media

CC: Bamberg County Administration

From: Bamberg County Public Information Office

Date: March 19, 2020

Re: Bamberg County Probate Court Closed to In-Person Visitors

Bamberg, South Carolina (March 2020) – Effective at noon on Thursday, March 19, the Bamberg County Probate Court will no longer be accepting in-person visitors in efforts to protect the public and staff from the COVID-19 outbreak. While the employees will still be working, the office will be closed to visitors until April 3, 2020, with continuing evaluation. All communication with the Probate Court will be over the phone or via email. The office phone number is 803-245-3008 and emails should be sent to kinseymm@bambergcounty.sc.gov. The Probate Court also has a website with relevant information at <http://www.bambergcountysc.gov/probate-court>

Probate Court specific information:

HEARINGS: Bamberg County Probate will arrange emergency hearings. Please call 803-245-3008. All non-emergency hearings are postponed.

ESTATES: Bamberg County Probate Judge requests that citizens consider waiting to file Wills and open new estates until the threat of the virus has subsided. Please call the Probate Court for more information or recommendations.

FILINGS: Bamberg County Probate Court can accept filings by mail to PO Box 180, Bamberg, SC 29003. If you cannot file by mail, a drop box is placed outside the Probate Court office at 2959 Main Highway, Bamberg. Please call 803-245-3008 to let someone know your filing was dropped off.

MARRIAGE LICENSES: To obtain a certified copy of your marriage license, please call 803-245-3008 and it will be mailed to you. Marriage licenses are available online from SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, Vital Records website: <http://www.scdhec.gov/vital.records/marriage.certificates>. If you have applied for a marriage license with the Bamberg County Probate Court and need to pick it up, please call 803-245-3008.

Guardianship/Conservatorship and Commitment/Mental Health filings please call 803-245-3008.

1234 NORTH STREET P.O. BOX 149 BAMBERG, SOUTH CAROLINA 29003

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For more information about this announcement, please contact the Bamberg County Probate Court at 803-245-3008 or email kinseymm@bambergcounty.sc.gov.

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