

***** Berks County Domestic Relations Section Notice *****
UPDATED AS OF 3/23/2020

The Domestic Relations Section (DRS) is closed effective March 23, 2020 and until further notice due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and pursuant to order of the President Judge.

Effective March 23, 2020, parties who wish to file complaints, petitions, motions or other legal papers may only do so by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or e-Services (for complaints and petitions to modify existing orders only). Filing dates shall be deemed the date of the U.S. mail postmark on the envelope containing the filing, the electronic submission date in the case of e-Services, or as otherwise directed by administrative order of court. Filings submitted by U.S. mail or e-Services shall be docketed, processed and appropriate action taken when normal business operations resume in the DRS.

Only *essential services* (bail hearings for parties who are taken into custody on DRS warrants) will be handled. If you would like to resolve an outstanding bench warrant, please call the Compliance Unit Manager at (610) 478-2900, ext. 5936 for further instructions on how to proceed. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT OR RESPOND TO COMMUNICATIONS ON OTHER ISSUES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

The DRS IVR phone system is not accepting voice messages. DRS staff will respond to or take necessary action regarding any individual voicemails or e-mails received when normal business operations resume.

Please consult the DRS website for updated information and changes after March 23, 2020.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we take these steps to safeguard the health and welfare of parties, the public and our staff.