

To: All New Jersey Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company

From: WFG Underwriting Department

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Subject: County Clerks/Registers Closures due to Coronavirus Update as of 3-18-2020

The New Jersey Land Title Association (NJLTA) is monitoring the status of all County Clerks/Registers Offices in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Below is the latest information on all 21 counties in NJ as reported by the NJLTA as of 3/18/2020:

Below is the latest information we have:

- 1. Atlantic County Clerk: Unable to obtain information. No information on website; No one answers telephone. May be closed.
- 2. Bergen County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed. There is no access to the County with the exception of on-line searching.

The Clerk's satellite offices scheduled for Saddle River (March 18) and River Vale (March 24, 25 & 26) and River Vale – MVC Mobile Unit (March 25) have been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

- 3. Burlington County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public, however, employees will report to work and be available by phone and email. Any questions, please call 609-265-5142 or email countyclerk@co.burlington.nj.us if you need assistance.
- 4. Camden County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public until April 1, 2020.

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- 5. Cape May County Clerk: The Clerk is closed to public and searchers.
- 6. Cumberland County Clerk: The Clerk is closed to public and searchers.
- 7. Essex County Register: The Clerk is closed to public and searchers.
- 8. Gloucester County Clerk: The Clerk is open to the public.
- 9. Hudson County Register: The Register's office is closed to the public. The Register is encouraging filers to use an e-filing service. Surrogate's office is closed to all.
- 10. Hunterdon County Surrogate: The Surrogate's office is closed to the public, but have access to records from 2004 to present.
- 11. Mercer County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public.
- 12. Middlesex County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public.

No walk-in recordings, only E-file and mail will be accepted.

13. Monmouth County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public, however, employees will report to work and will continue to accept recordable instruments via mail and e-Recording. For hand deliveries of recordable instruments, a drop off basket is located in the lobby of the building at 33 Mechanic Street, Freehold Borough.

Searchers can work in the record room (only those who have been already searching there) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until further notice.

- 14. Morris County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public. Title searchers will be able to continue to use the records room, for now.
- 15. Ocean County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public including the record room.

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16. Passaic County Clerk: The Clerk is open to the public. 17. Salem County Clerk: The Clerk is open to the public. 18. Somerset County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public including the record room. 19. Sussex County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public. Searchers are allowed. 20. Union County Clerk: The Clerk is encouraging filers to use an e-filing service. 21. Warren County Clerk: The Clerk's office is closed to the public. Please note that this is subject to change. County information is updated hourly on the NJLTA website at the following link: https://njlta.site-ym.com/default.aspx If you have information from your local county offices on how they may address the COVID19 threat as it pertains to the title industry, please share your information with us and we will in turn try our best to keep all of our agents informed and updated during this unprecedented and interesting time.

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