

Effective October 1, 2020, the Governor's Emergency Order No. 20-03-30-04 authorizing Remote Notarizations has been amended. As a result of these amendments and the new law that goes into effect October 1, 2020 authorizing remote notarizations, the Secretary of State's temporary guidance issued March 30, 2020 and amended July 31, 2020 authorizing the use of video conferencing technology on a temporary basis is no longer in effect. Maryland notaries public who choose to perform remote notarial acts must conform with all aspects of the notary law and applicable regulations, including those regarding remote notarizations, effective October 1, 2020.

A list of authorized remote online notary vendors as of October 1, 2020 can be found <https://sos.maryland.gov/Notary/Pages/default.aspx>.

The Amended Order (No. 20-09-29-01), issued on September 29, 2020, authorizes the performance of remote notarial acts for wills and trust instruments, which would have been otherwise prohibited by the notary law that becomes effective on October 1, 2020. Maryland notaries public who are authorized to perform remote notarial acts as of October 1, 2020 are not prohibited from performing notarial acts as to wills and trust instruments in order to mitigate health and safety concerns during the declared State of Emergency.

Please continue to monitor this webpage for important updates to the applicable laws, regulations and guidance.