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COVID-19 Guidance for Notaries

The Office of Professional Regulation understands that COVID-19 is presenting many challenges for Notaries and the requirement that the person be physically present. As a result, we are in the process of drafting an emergency rule which will address these difficulties. The Emergency Rule will enable the "personal appearance" requirement to be done over video. We plan to have this in place early next week.

Meanwhile, please consider:

- Postponing transactions that can be delayed
- Determining whether the notarial act is absolutely necessary
- Engaging in social distancing while performing notarial acts (perform the transactions in a space large enough to accommodate distancing)
- Engaging in careful hygiene:
 - Do not notarize if you are sick; decline the assignment
 - Keep hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes with you at all times and use them frequently
 - Do not share pens
 - Instead of handshakes, use other forms of greeting
 - Wash your hands frequently

Please refer to this website for our most current advice and updates. Be well.