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CERTIFIED CONSTABLES' BULLETIN 2020-2

Best Practices for Service of Process During Covid-19 State of Emergency

This Bulletin is applicable to all Certified Constables who have been licensed by the Department pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 9-5-10.1 *et seq.*

Pursuant to Governor Gina Raimondo's Executive Order No. 2020-24 ("Order No. 2020-24") issued on April 14, 2020, to the extent that Certified Constables are delivering service of process during the continuing state of emergency he/she/they must wear cloth face coverings and must also maintain a physical distance of at least six (6) feet between him/her/it and the individual receiving the process.

For the health and safety of both the Certified Constable and the individual receiving the process, in addition to the aforementioned safety precautions Certified Constables may take additional measures to protect him/her/it and his/her/its service recipients. Certified Constables should consider using some of the following additional protective health measures: wearing gloves while delivering service, not handing documents directly to the recipient, and abstaining from lending a writing implement to the recipient for documents needing a signature.

The measures imposed by Order 2020-04 do not absolve Certified Constables of adherence to the service requirements for any document pursuant to the applicable section of the Rhode Island General Laws or Court rules by or according to which a Certified Constable is engaged.

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