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COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE IMPLEMENTS REMOTE NOTARIZATION

After working closely with the Governor's office, stakeholders, and the legal community, the Colorado Secretary of State's Office has implemented a remote notarization process.

"We are committed to maintaining important services for Coloradans during this national health crisis," said Secretary of State Jena Griswold. "Remote notarization will enable Coloradans and businesses continued access to notary services while observing the social distancing guidelines that keep us all safe."

Governor Polis issued an Executive Order today, which states in part: "Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 et seq. (Act), I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order ordering the temporary suspension of the personal appearance requirement before notarial officers to perform notarizations due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

Secretary Griswold issued emergency rules on Monday, March 30, setting forth the procedures and requirements for remote notarization in Colorado during this state of emergency. These rules address implementation of the remote notarization process while including protections against identity theft and fraud.

For the Notice of Temporary Adoption for the Colorado Notary Program Rules (8 CCR 1505-11), please click [here](#). The notice includes the adopted rules, a statement of basis, and statement of justification. For an unofficial copy of the notary rules as adopted and effective 3/30/2020, please click [here](#). If you have any questions concerning these rules please email notary@sos.state.co.us or sos.rulemaking@sos.state.co.us.

For more information, please visit www.sos.state.co.us.

<https://www.coloradorealtors.com/2020/03/30/remote-notarization-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Thank you,

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