

Date of EO /Guidance	State/GSE/ Agency	EO	Link to Order
4/29/20	Alaska	HB 124, an Act related to the recording of documents, to notaries and notarization, including notarial acts performed for remotely located individuals, is signed by Alaska's Governor.	http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/31?Root=Hb%20124
4/23/20	Massachusetts	Massachusetts passes legislation to temporarily allow remote notarization.	https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2020/Chapter71
4/6/20	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Legislature passes Senate Bill No. 841 to permit notary publics to conduct notarial acts remotely.	https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2019&sessInd=0&billBody=S&billType=B&billNbr=0841&pn=1623
4/13/20	New Jersey	New Jersey State Legislature passes Assembly, No. 3903 allowing remote notarial acts during the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency declared by Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020.	https://www.nileg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A4000/3903_R1.PDF
4/14/20	Fannie Mae	Fannie Mae provides guidance on Remote Ink-Signed Notarization authorized through emergency orders.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/FannieMae.pdf
4/6/20	Mississippi	Executive Order No. 1467 allows notaries public commissioned under the laws of Mississippi to perform a notarization for a principal not physically present provided certain measures are met, including that principals located outside of the State of Mississippi may use remote notarization if (a) the record or document is (i) intended for filing with or relates to a matter before a court, governmental entity, public official, or other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi or (ii) involves property located in the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi or a transaction substantially connected to the State of Mississippi; and (b) the notary public has no actual knowledge that the act of making the statement or signing the record or document is prohibited by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the principal is physically located. The Order does not require a notary public to perform a notarization with respect to an electronic record/document or for a principal not in the physical presence of the notary public. For tangible documents signed remotely via audio-video communication technology, the requesting person shall mail the signed document to the notary public for certification and execution, and in the case of an electronic document signed electronically by a remotely located individual through the use of remote online notarization platform, the notary public may affix their signature and official stamp or seal once signed (the official date and time of notarization to be determined as by when the notary public witnessed the signature via the electronic devices), and the official date and time of the notarization shall be the date and time determined by the RON platform.	https://www.sos.ms.gov/content/executiveorders/ExecutiveOrders/1467.pdf
4/8/20	Michigan	Strict compliance with UETA and URPERA temporarily suspended to permit use of electronic signature whenever required, unless law specifically	https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIEOG/2020/04/08/file_attachments/1423158/EO%202020-41%20Emerg%20order%20-%20notaries.pdf

		mandates a physical signature. Compliance with 2003 PA 238 suspended to extent requires a notary or any required witnesses to be physically present.	
4/8/20	Maine	Requirements of physical presence and witnesses are suspended provided that Notary and Signatory are physically within the State. The Notary or at least one witness for Wills and Powers of Attorney must be an attorney licensed to practice in Maine. Notary must be able to view by camera the entire space in which the Signatory and any witness is located.. Signatory must transmit by fax or electronic means a copy of the signed documents immediately after signing and Signatory must send the original signed document to the witness within 48 hours or to the Notary if no witness is involved.	https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/sites/maine.gov.governor.mills/files/inline-files/EO37.pdf
4/8/20	Rhode Island	Department of State of the State of Rhode Island permits usage of RON for the duration of COVID-19 state of emergency in RI. Approved vendors provided.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/RhodeIsland.pdf https://www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/notary-public/remote-online-notarization https://www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/notary-public/remote-online-notarizationidance-document.pdf
4/6/20	Indiana	Governor waives administrative rule (Ind. Code §4-22-2-36), which governs effective date of rules, to make RON law effective immediately. Indiana's SB 372 passed the legislature in 2018 to be effective July 1, 2019, however, not all rules were in place.	https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-15%20Miscellaneous%20Govt%20Functions.pdf http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/senate/372 https://www.nationalnotary.org/notary-bulletin/blog/2018/06/remote-notarization-what-you-need-to-know
3/30/20	New Mexico	Presence requirement is satisfied by technology providing direct interaction and each party must affirmatively state that he/she is in New Mexico. A fax or electronic copy of the signed document must be transmitted to any required witnesses and then the notary on the day it was signed, then notary may notarize and transmit the same document back to the person seeking the services.	https://www.newmexico.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-2020-015.pdf
3/29/20	Hawaii	Statutory requirement of close physical contact suspended to accomplish notary functions to meet social-distancing guidelines. Audio-visual technology permitted where (i) the notary public has personal knowledge of the signer or obtains satisfactory evidence (govt-issued identification card or document with signer's photograph and signature); (ii) notary public confirms via observation that signer appears to be aware of significance of transaction and is willing; (iii) direct interaction via video conferencing; (iv) notary to confirm as is possible that signer is physically situated in Hawaii; (v) audio-visual recording made and stored; ...	https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2003219-ATG_Executive-Order-No.-20-02-distribution-signed.pdf
3/31/20	Georgia	Any requirements of physical presence before a notary under Code Sections 44-2-1 <i>et seq.</i> and 45-17-1 <i>et seq.</i> may be satisfied by real-time audio-visual	EO 03.31.20.01 http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Georgia.pdf

		communication technology; any requirement under Code Section 44-22-1 <i>et seq.</i> of an in-person witness may be satisfied by same.	
3/31/20	West Virginia	Upon declaration of a State of Emergency and a lawful suspension of the requirements of notarization to be made in person under W. Va. Code §39-4-6, the utilization of an electronic device, technology, process or combination is permitted (unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law). When the individual seeking the notarial act is physically located outside the geographic boundaries of the State of West Virginia, the additional requirements under Section 27.5 must be met.	http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=7196&Keyword=53115&Format=PDF http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/ruleview.aspx?document=17196&Keyword=53115&Format=PDF
3/31/20	Fannie Mae	Guidance on RON	https://singlefamily.fanniemae.com/media/22316/display https://singlefamily.fanniemae.com/media/22261/display https://singlefamily.fanniemae.com/media/22326/display
3/31/20	Freddie Mac	Guidance on RON	https://guide.freddiemac.com/app/guide/bulletin/2020-8
3/27/20	Colorado	D 2020 019 temporarily suspends the personal appearance requirement for notarization and authorizes the Secretary of State to promulgate and issue temporary emergency rules to authorize notarial officers to perform remote notarizations by real-time audio-video communication and establish standards related to authentication, verification of identity, and audio-video recording.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/ROnupdate/Colorado.pdf
3/30/20	Arkansas	EO 20-12 permits video conference technology (specifically mentioning Skype, Zoom, FaceTime) to be used for notarial acts to meet the “in presence of” or “in person” witness requirements during the state of emergency. This is permitting the in person requirement but using wet ink still. For example, if two or more persons sign a document simultaneously in different locations, they must be executed in counterparts. Notary publics with state affiliation (see subsection 5) may notarize signatures including Acknowledgements and Jurats through real-time audio and visual means if both are physically located in the State of Arkansas at the time of the signing and the signing is visually seen by the person that confirms it.	https://governor.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/executiveOrders/EO_20-12_.pdf
3/24/20	Washington	Proclamation 20-27 removes the delayed effective date of electronic notary services provisions authorized by SB 5641 - permitting remote notarizations immediately. To apply for a remote notary endorsement, an electronic records notary public need submit a remote notary endorsement application on forms provided by the Washington state department of licensing. Such applicant must already hold an active notary public omission and electronic records notary public endorsement, or be applying for both simultaneously to seeking the remote notary endorsement.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/ROnupdate/Washington.pdf https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-27%20-%20COVID-19%20Notary%20%28tmp%29.pdf
3/27/20	Georgia	To the extent that the Rules of Professional Conduct may require an attorney to be physically present at the closing of a real estate transaction, the Georgia Supreme Court (after consultation with the State Bar) temporarily suspends any such requirement – permitting lawyers to	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/ROnupdate/Georgia_3_27.pdf

		participate and supervise closings of real estate transactions via video conference.	
3/26/20	Alabama	Notaries in Alabama who are licensed attorneys or operating under the supervision of an attorney may notarize through videoconferencing programs and confirm the signatures of witnesses who participate virtually as though physically present. All documents must be returned to the notary for certification and execution.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Alabama.pdf
3/24/20	Vermont	Office of Professional Regulation, within Vermont’s Secretary of State’s Office, issued Emergency Rules for Notaries Public and Remote Notarization to establish requirements for “personally appearing” before a notary public via a “secure communication link.”	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Vermont.pdf
3/26/20	Louisiana	Section 6 of Proclamation No. 37 JBE 2020 permits a regularly commissioned notary public with a valid notarial commission in Louisiana to perform notarization for an individual not in the physical presence of a notary if: there is simultaneous communication by sight and sound through an electronic device, certain identification features are met, This does not extend to laws pertaining to testaments, trust instruments, donations inter vivos, matrimonial agreements, acts modifying, waiving or extinguishing an obligation of final spousal support and authentic acts. The recorder during this emergency shall not refuse to record a tangible copy of an electronic record on the ground that it does not bear the original signature of a person if a notary public or other officer before whom it was executed certifies that the tangible copy is an accurate copy of the electronic record.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Louisiana.pdf
3/30/20	Maryland	The Governor provides emergency guidance to enact the RON law- rids the requirement of physical presence before a notary public if: (i) communication is simultaneously by sight and sound through a “communication technology;” (ii) the notary public is appointed and commissioned; (iii)the notary has notified the Secretary of State of the intention to perform notarial acts by communication technologies (identifying such) and knows the individual or has satisfactory evidence of the identity; (iv) the notary confirms the statement or execution of signature on the same record; (v) an audio-visual recording of the performance is made; and (vi) the notary indicates on the certificate and in a journal that the individual was not physically present.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Maryland_3_30.pdf
3/18/20		Court of Appeals of Maryland issued an Administrative Order requiring Clerks of the Circuit Courts to promptly process all properly filed instruments that are required to be recorded in the Land Records Departments. Those jurisdictions with capacity file via Simplifile are to process electronically as those protocols are already adopted; to the extent the instruments have been executed using electronic signatures in compliance with Sections 21-	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Maryland_3_18.pdf

		105 and 21-110 of the Commercial Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall be deemed properly executed.	
3/26/20	Illinois	Any requirement that a person “must appear before” a Notary Public is satisfied by remote notarization via two-way audio-video communication technology, provided the Notary Public commissioned in Illinois is physically within the State while performing the notarial act and the transaction follows the guidance posted on the Illinois Secretary of State website. Witnessing is also permitted remotely with some limitations and all provisions	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Illinois.pdf
3/27/20	Dept. of HUD	HUD sends letter to the Conference of State Bank Supervisors requesting state regulators allow RON transactions.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/DeptofHUD.pdf
3/20/20	Massachusetts	A Massachusetts licensed attorney, or paralegal under direct supervisions of a MA licensed attorney, who is an appointed notary public in the Commonwealth may perform a notarial act utilizing electronic video conferencing in real time. Both (notary and signer) must be physically located within the Commonwealth. Signer must promptly have the executed document delivered to the notary. MBE notes that the language of the bill is inconsistent with RON standards of the real estate finance industry and GSEs may not purchase a loan using these guidelines.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Massachusetts.pdf
3/25/20	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania’s Department of State issued a limited suspension of the in-person regulatory requirements for notaries for real estate transactions. Recent RON legislation and ULC safeguards are still required, and all notaries using audio-visual technology must (i) become an approved Pennsylvania electronic notary, (ii) use an e-notary solution already approved by the Department. that offers remote notarization technology, and (iii) indicate in the notary certificate of the use of communication technology. Solutions approved are: Doc-Verify, Safe-Docs, and Pavasos	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Pennsylvania.pdf
3/24/20	Wyoming	Wyoming’s Secretary of State issued Guidance on Temporary Remote Online Notarization. Notaries must still comply with legal requirements for the documents to be notarized (ie. witnesses or presence of an attorney) but can be remote. The Secretary’s Office determined that the same law permits a notary to be present through remote online notarization. The recommended process is that notaries use the training provided by RON platform providers approved by a contiguous state to Wyoming, and complete a Notice of Intent to Perform RON in Wyoming form.	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/RONupdate/Wyoming.pdf
3/23/20	Connecticut	All relevant laws or regulations are modified to permit any notarial act required by Connecticut law to be performed using an electronic device or process that allows a notary public commissioned by the Connecticut Secretary of State or a Commissioner of the Superior Court and a remotely located individual to communicate simultaneously by sight and sound. The signatory must affirmatively represent that he/she is physically situated in	https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7K.pdf

		the State of Connecticut and must transmit by fax or electronic means a legible copy of the signed document to the Notary Public or Commissioner on the same date it was executed. Only an attorney admitted to practice law in CT with good standing may remotely administer a self-proving affidavit to a Last Will and Testament or conduct a real estate closing as required by Public Act 19-88.	
3/23/20	New Hampshire	The Governor provides temporary authority to perform secure remote online notarization by a notarial officer commissioned under the laws of New Hampshire. For individuals not physically located within the State of New Hampshire, the record must be (i) intended for filing with or relate to a matter before a court/governmental entity/public official/other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the State of New Hampshire, and the notarial officer must have no actual knowledge that the act of making the statement or signing the record is prohibited by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the individual is physically located.	https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/documents/emergency-order-11.pdf
3/22/20	Iowa	Pursuant to Section Sixteen of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, the Governor of Iowa temporarily suspends the personal appearance requirement to the extent the notarial act complies with the requirements of section 6 of 2019 Iowa Acts chapter 44 (Senate File 475) and any additional guidance provided by the Iowa Secretary of State regarding approved communication technology. Pursuant to Section Seventeen, and in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Governor suspends regulatory provisions to the extent they require physical presence of a testator, settlor, principal, witness, or other person, if the person is present audio/visually by electronic means, whether or not recorded.	https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Public%20Health%20Proclamation%20-%202020.03.22.pdf https://governor.iowa.gov/press-release/gov-reynolds-signs-new-proclamation-continuing-state-public-health-emergency
3/19/20	New Jersey	New Jersey's RON legislation (A3864) passes both houses.	https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=A3864 https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A4000/3864_11.PDF
3/19/20	New York	EO 202.7 provides that any document required to be notarized may be done so remotely with audio-video technology so long as a valid photo ID is presented during the video conference (which must allow direct interaction) and the signatory must affirmatively represent that he/she is physically situated in the State of New York. The signatory must transmit a legible copy of the signed document to the Notary on the date it was signed; the notary may notarize and transmit it back. The notarization of the original signed document may be repeated as of the date of execution provided the notary receives the original signed document together with the electronically notarized copy within 30 days after the date of execution.	https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2027-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency
3/18/20	Wisconsin	The Department of Financial Institutions of Wisconsin issues emergency guidance to enable RON immediately. Wisconsin RON legislation AB-293	http://www.winsteadnews.com/invitations/documents/COVID-19Orders/ROnupdate/Wisconsin.pdf

		had only been approved by the Assembly in November 2019 and by the Senate February 19, 2020..	http://wdfi.org/Apostilles Notary Public and Trademarks/pdf/Emergency%20Guidance%20-%20Remote%20Notarization.pdf https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab293
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Refer to <https://www.mba.org/audience/state-legislative-and-regulatory-resource-center/remote-online-notarization>

Note that some states are permitting remote notarial acts that differ from the model RON legislation, including permitting tangible documents to be executed and sent to the notary to notarize with the date and time being that of the date/time the notary witnessed the execution via audio-visual technology. The specifics of the executive order and the relevant statutory requirements generally must be considered on a state-by-state basis.