

THIS IS WHAT'S GOING ON – CAUTION!

We at the Chatham County Probate Court are faced with a nearly impossible job: we honestly are striving to provide efficient and timely service to you, our customers, in the middle of a pandemic which threatens your (and our) health and perhaps lives. At least two other courts in Chatham County are currently shut down due to health concerns.

For months, the Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice required that we stop accepting applications for weapons carry licenses due to the COVID virus. That stop-work order has now been lifted, but the effect has been to open the floodgates of applications. We've received more than 2,700 preliminary applications in a 60 day period! That's far beyond the number we are able to handle quickly.

To limit the likelihood of infection, we've had to go to an appointment only basis for finalizing these applications. With this tidal wave of cases, our calendar is already full a month and a half or more in advance.

So, if you are applying for a renewal license, please: **DON'T DELAY!** If you wait until the end of your renewal period before e-mailing us your preliminary renewal application, any complication – whether it be as simple as a name change or renewal from another county due to relocation– will require an appointment for which there is a current two month wait and might cause you to have to apply for a *new* license.

We're working to serve you. Please give us the time to do so safely and well.

Thank you.
Tom Bordeaux, Judge
Probate Court of Chatham County
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