Circuit Court for Carroll County, Maryland

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CARROLL COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT QUARANTINE / ISOLATION

If a citizen of Carroll County wishes to appeal a Quarantine / Isolation Order from the Maryland Secretary of Health / Carroll County Health Department, the citizen has 3 days to petition the Circuit Court of Carroll County for a hearing (*Maryland Code, Health – General 18-906. Isolation or Quarantine Directives*).

Quarantine / Isolation cases are considered CONFIDENTIAL and are not available for public view in Maryland Judiciary Case Search.

The Carroll County Clerk's Office has a procedure in place for such petitions to the court. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Clerk's Office has made an exception to its filing policy for this type of case. Petitioners can fax their quarantine filing to the Clerk's Office at 410-386-8734, email their filing to CarrollCircuitCourtClerksOffice@mdcourts.gov or E-file through MDEC.

The Clerk's Office <u>does not</u> recommend sending orders through the U.S. mail due to the time sensitivity of the matter nor does it recommend using the Drop Box for these same reasons. Upon receipt of the filing, the Clerk's Office will invoice the petitioner and the Administrative Judge will review the petition on emergency status. For additional questions, please call **410-386-8720**.

- ♦ The fee is \$165 to file this civil petition with the Circuit Court for Carroll County.
- ♦ If an attorney files for the plaintiff, the fee is \$185 to file this civil petition with the Circuit Court for Carroll County.
- ♦ Fees will be invoiced to the petitioner.

 If the petitioner cannot afford the fee, he or she may request the court waive the filing fee. The link to the Maryland Court Form to request a fee waiver is: https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/court-forms/courtforms/joint/ccdc089.pdf/ccdc089.pdf

Thank you,

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