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COUNTY CLERK STATUS

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State	County	County Status
NY	Albany	Open. Recordings accepted by e-recording and mail. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Allegany	50% staff until 4/15/20. Hours 8:30am-4:00pm. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Bronx	CLERK is closed to the public; however, they are accepting filings via mail and Fed. X; WE NOW HAVE THE ABILITY TO FILE BUILDING LOANS AND MECHANIC'S LIENS, etc. Office is accepting all recording submissions and payments etc. Documents notarized via Remote Ink Notary (RIN) as described in the Governors Executive Order (EO) will be accepted. NOTE: *The Clerk is requiring a Certificate of Conformity to accompany the filing of any document notarized pursuant to the EO.
NY	Broome	Open, but considering limiting hours and staff reduction. Accepting e-recording. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Cattaraugus	Open. Recordings accepted by e-recording, mail and drop box. Searchers by appointment.
NY	Cayuga	Closed to the public – accepting e-recordings, mail and drop box submissions. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Chautauqua	Clerk's office is operating, but closed to the public. All filings by e-record and e-file, or US Mail. Records search limited to online. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Chemung	Open
NY	Chenango	Open
NY	Clinton	Reduced Staff. Closed to the public. Appointments are available. Recordings accepted by e-recording and mail.
NY	Columbia	Open, expect to have 50% staff in the near future. Recording delays reported. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs .



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NY	Delaware	Open, will reduce to 50% staff effective 3/18/20. Recording delays reported. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs .
NY	Dutchess	Surrogate Court closed until further notice. Accepting e-recording and mail.
NY	Erie	Surrogate Court expects a 45 day closure beginning 3/17/20
NY	Essex	Reduced Staff. Closed to public. NO appointments available. Recordings accepted by e-recordings and mail. Recordings accepted by e-recording and mail. Searching is available online at https://www.searchiqs.com/NYESS/Login.aspx Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Franklin	Reduced Staff. Closed to the public – searching is available online at www.search.iqs Recordings accepted by e-recording and mail. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Fulton	Open. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Genesee	Open. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Greene	Closed to the public, no other information available. Accepting recordings by mail and drop box.
NY	Hamilton	Emergency Order signed on 3/17/2020 prohibiting anyone from entering any public buildings and offices in Hamilton County without an appointment (other than those to file designated petitions w Board of Election or the Dept of Social Services which is exempt from the restriction) This is to remain in effect until removed by Order of the Chief Executive. The order may also be renewed in (5) day-increments.
NY	Herkimer	Open. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Jefferson	Open, but considering closure or limitations. Updates will be posted on their Facebook page. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs



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NY	Lewis	Open, but considering closure or staff limitations. There is remote access if needed for e-recordings. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Livingston	Open
NY	Madison	50% staff effective 3/17/20. Recording delays reported. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Monroe	Partial staff working remotely until further notice. E-recordings are suggested. Recording delays reported
NY	Montgomery	County Clerk closed until further notice. NOTICE: Beginning Monday, March 23, the County Clerk's office will resume processing mortgages, deeds, and lease agreements ONLY, from 8:30am to 12 noon. The building will still be closed to the public. We encourage e-recording of land records at this time. We offer three registered electronic recording facilitators.



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NY	New York	<p>CLERK is closed to the public; however, they are accepting filings via mail and Fed. X; WE NOW HAVE THE ABILITY TO FILE BUILDING LOANS AND MECHANIC'S LIENS, etc. Office is accepting all recording submissions and payments etc. Documents notarized via Remote Ink Notary (RIN) as described in the Governors Executive Order (EO) will be accepted. NOTE: *The Clerk is requiring a Certificate of Conformity to accompany the filing of any document notarized pursuant to the EO.</p>
NY	Niagara	<p>Clerk Office closed to the public. Local search companies with leased space within the clerk's office may enter. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs</p>



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NY	Onondaga	Closed until 4/13/20 Online searching available. Recordings are delayed.
NY	Ontario	Open
NY	Orange	Open with a very limited rotating staff. Closed to the public. E-recordings and mailed recordings are being accepted. Online searching is available and the search fee has been waived. Recording delays reported. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Orleans	Open
NY	Oswego	Open. Accepting e-recording and mail. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Otsego	Open. Remote access available in event of closure. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Putnam	Remains open with reduced staff BUT closed to the public; they have a drop box for documents. No examiners in the clerk's office. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Queens	CLERK is closed to the public; however, they are accepting filings via mail and Fed. X; WE NOW HAVE THE ABILITY TO FILE BUILDING LOANS AND MECHANIC'S LIENS, etc. Office is accepting all recording submissions and payments etc. Documents notarized via Remote Ink Notary (RIN) as described in the Governors Executive Order (EO) will be accepted. NOTE: *The Clerk is requiring a Certificate of Conformity to accompany the filing of any document notarized pursuant to the EO.
NY	Rensselaer	Open, but closed to the public. No remote access available. Accepting e-recording and mail. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs



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NY	Rockland	Open with limited staff. E-recordings are being accepted.
NY	Saratoga	County Clerk record room is closed. Only online searching available. Accepting e-recording and mail. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Schenectady	Records can be searched at: LANDEX REMOTE - https://www.landex.com/land-records-access.asp Landex Remote access is most beneficial for individuals or companies who expect to access records on a regular basis or need comprehensive search capabilities. * The Schenectady County Clerk's office will be waiving the contract fee for this service until May 31st, 2020.
NY	Schoharie	Closed for 2 weeks and Fed-Ex is not being accepted until further notice.
NY	Schuyler	Open
NY	Seneca	Open
NY	St. Lawrence	Open. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Steuben	County Clerk's Office closed (1 week for cleaning) or until further notice.
NY	Suffolk	Closed to public until further notice. Searchers given access to clerk index database (1986 - date); Surrogate and Civil Actions not available. Searchers can run searches only from 1986. Effective immediately – will accept simultaneous deed and mortgage e-recording submission. Mail submissions also accepted. Experiencing staff shortages. ** ACCEPTING BLA's, ML's and Notice of Lending for filing. **



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NY	Tioga	Open with reduced staff. Recording delays reported.
NY	Tompkins	Open
NY	Ulster	No public access to record room and limited online search capability. E-Recordings are being accepted. Additional updates will be posted on the website and by recorded phone message. Unable to contact for update – no information provided on website. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Warren	Closed to the public – accepting e-recordings and mail. Expect delays. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Washington	Closed until further notice. Accepting e-recordings. Linked to limited online searching at www.search.iqs
NY	Wayne	Open, but are considering closure and limitations. Will implement appointments if they go to a reduced staff
NY	Westchester	Effective 3/31/20 – closed to the public. Online searching available. E-recordings and mail will be accepted including BLA's, NOL and ML's. Surrogate Court is closed. Mount Vernon is closed, no further information available. This will affect tax payments for deeds. The processing of Legal division documents will occur once a week until further notice. The recording of Land Record division documents are not affected.
NY	Wyoming	Open
NY	Yates	Open