



STATE OF IOWA STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (during COVID-19 pandemic)

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EXTENDED STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS DURING THIS TIME OF COVID-19

The Iowa Supreme Court has issued various orders responding to COVID-19 at <https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/covid-19-information-and-updates/>. The Court has emphasized that additional orders may be forthcoming but, at the moment, 76 days is added to any limitation that has or will expire between March 17, 2020 and December 31, 2020, and any limitation that ordinarily would expire between January 1, 2021 and March 16, 2021, inclusive, will expire on March 17, 2021. Effectively, this “phases out” the 76 day extension starting at the beginning of 2021. Federal moratoria currently control foreclosure and tenant evictions proceedings.

There is no extension of the time for service of civil case notice currently in effect. IOWA R. CIV. P. 1.302(5) provides that the 90 day deadline for service of the Original Notice may be extended for good cause, which is likely to be found if there is a showing of reasonable diligence.

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