



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (during COVID-19 pandemic)

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EXTENDED STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS DURING THIS TIME OF COVID-19

As of May 4, 2020, the Court's orders extending court deadlines and statutes of limitations and repose in New Hampshire expired. The following information explains New Hampshire's extensions to statutes of limitations.

On March 16, 2020, the New Hampshire Supreme Court filed its Order Suspending In-Person Court Proceedings. This order was issued following Governor Chris Sununu's March 13, 2020 emergency declaration. The Court's order extended deadlines set forth in court rules, court orders, statutes, ordinances, administrative rules, administrative orders or otherwise that were set to expire between March 16 and April 6, 2020 to April 7, 2020. The Order further extended any statutes of limitations or repose that were set to expire between March 16 and April 6, 2020 to April 7, 2020.

Deadlines and statutes of limitations and repose periods were further extended via subsequent Court order on March 28, 2020. By that order, deadlines between April 7 and May 3, 2020 were extended to May 4, 2020.

No further extensions were ordered.

TEMPORARY RULES EXTENDING TIME LIMITS TO SERVE COMPLAINTS AND/OR SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO METHODS OF SERVICE

Under the Rules of the New Hampshire Superior Court, service of a summons must be made by the court-ordered date shown on the Summons packet. Proof of service must then be filed within 21 days following the service deadline. Pursuant to the New Hampshire Supreme Court's Order Suspending In-Person Court Proceedings, any deadline for service of a summons set to expire between March 16 and April 6, 2020 was extended to April 7, 2020. This deadline was further extended to May 4, 2020 via subsequent court order.

As of May 4, 2020, no further extensions to service deadlines were ordered.

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