

Dept. of Financial Institutions: Issues emergency guidance on remote notarization

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MADISON, Wis. – At the direction of Governor Tony Evers, the [Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions \(DFI\)](#) issued emergency guidance today pertaining to remote online notarization in Wisconsin.

“Due to the [COVID-19](#) public health emergency, remote online notarization is now authorized in this state, subject to several safeguards to ensure the integrity of the notarial process,” said DFI Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld.

Remote online notarizations must be performed using technology providers that are regulated under standards that meet or exceed the safeguards set by Wisconsin Act 125. DFI has approved four remote online notarization providers thus far: [Notarize.com](#) and [NotaryCam](#), which provide remote notary services to the general public, and [Pavaso](#) or [Nexsys](#), which provide them for title companies and other real-estate transactions.

“This action is necessary to provide relief to the people of Wisconsin who are following guidance to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus and are in need of notarization services today,” said DFI Secretary Blumenfeld.

To learn more, read DFI’s [Emergency Guidance on Remote Notarization](#) and visit DFI’s [Apostilles, Notary Public, and Trademark webpage](#).