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Marriage Licenses & Ceremonies Frequently Asked Questions

- **Question: I already have the marriage license however my ceremony was scheduled at one of the courthouse locations, what can I do?**
 - **Answer:** *All ceremonies scheduled at the Orange County Courthouse including all branch locations have been cancelled until further notice. You can contact a minister or Florida notary public to conduct the ceremony for you. The ceremony should be held between the effective date & expiration date listed on your marriage license.*

- **Question: I was told that the marriage license must be returned within 10 days after my ceremony, I am concerned that it won't be valid if it is received later?**
 - **Answer:** *As long as your ceremony was held between the effective date & the expiration date by an officiant authorized by Florida laws, your license is valid. The 10-day period is to ensure it is placed in our system to send to the state Bureau of Vital Statistics as well as to return it to the couple to make the necessary name and marital status changes. If received after that time period it does not make it invalid. At this time, limited mail is being processed therefore if you have not already sent it in, we would recommend that you hold on to the original until our offices reopen for all services. The original marriage license will provide you with proof of your marriage if needed in the meantime.*

- **Question: I need a copy of my marriage license; how can I obtain it?**
 - **Answer:** *At this time staff is not on site to issue copies of marriage license. Please monitor Myorangeclerk.com to obtain information regarding the date the offices will reopen for you to purchase copies.*

- **Question: My marriage license was sent in after our ceremony however I have not received a copy back yet, what can I do?**
 - **Answer:** *At this time, limited mail is being processed. If your license was received prior to the office closure, you will receive your copies in the mail at the address you provided. If the license was received on or after March 18th, it will get processed upon the reopening of the marriage license offices. Please monitor Myorangeclerk.com to obtain information regarding the date the offices will reopen.*



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- **Question: *What is considered an Emergency Marriage License?***
 - **Answer: *If you have a wedding ceremony that is already scheduled to be held within 2 weeks from today and you have not already purchased your marriage license, you may qualify for an emergency marriage license. ****A health screening is required for both parties in order to meet the requirements.*******

- **Question: *Who should call the Emergency Marriage License Phone Line?***
 - **Answer: *Only those individuals who have not purchased their marriage license and have a wedding ceremony already set within 2 weeks from today. All other questions will need to wait until our offices are reopened.***

If you still need to talk to someone about an emergency situation to obtain a marriage license, call 321-666-9129. Please note this hotline is set up for emergency marriage license needs only. Messages left for any other reason will not be returned.