

Please see the below Update from the Morris County Prosecutor's Office:

Our office has been able to convert all English and Spanish plea forms into fillable PDF files to facilitate virtual pleas.

The forms will work with Windows or MAC based operating systems, but will require Adobe Acrobat Reader DC download.

The idea would be for the AP to fill out the forms in accordance with the agreed upon plea and email to defense counsel. The AP will not sign the form until it has been returned by defense counsel.

If counsel needs to add additional language they should be able to do so. In order to "circle" the yes and no answers in the forms, counsel can use the "Highlighter" tool, and highlight either "Yes" or "No" as appropriate. "Save As" will keep whatever is highlighted saved in the document.

Adobe does allow for signatures to be done digitally with the "sign document tool". The form should then go back to AP who can sign and send to court along with Waivers/Accusations/Indictments.

We have stressed to staff that the court has been clear that it will accept the plea paperwork without signatures and go over everything on the record if the digital signatures don't work.