

NOTICE
PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

Re: SUSPENSION AND RESTRICTION OF HEARINGS

Further to our Notice of March 16, 2020, which suspended circuit court sittings throughout Manitoba and out of custody proceedings until May 1, 2020, it is clear the public health concerns and the Province of Manitoba's declaration of an emergency will persist for some weeks to come. In order to continue the proactive and preventative measures we have already taken to protect the health and safety of all court users and to help contain the spread of COVID-19, the Provincial Court of Manitoba will further suspend the hearing of out of custody matters and circuit court sittings until May 29, 2020.

Those having an appearance before the Court in May are encouraged to contact their lawyer, check the Manitoba Courts website or contact the court center for specific appearance dates. Those out of custody matters already set to appear in May, will be adjourned eight weeks into the future, or as otherwise directed by the court.

The Provincial Court of Manitoba remains open to deal with in custody matters in all court centers (Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Dauphin, The Pas and Thompson), including in custody trials, child protection matters and any applications with respect to other urgent matters.

Adult and youth in custody bail and disposition courts will continue to sit, with accused persons appearing by video, if available. Counsel are invited to appear by teleconference where that is available and requested.

Child protection proceedings will take place in the appropriate court center (Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Dauphin, The Pas and Thompson) during the month of May. Please refer to the separate Notice regarding child protection matters released this week.

Protection Order applications will continue to be heard by Judicial Justices of the Peace.

The Provincial Offence Court Office at 373 Broadway Avenue, Winnipeg, will be closed to the public until May 29, 2020. Provincial Offence Act matters (Winnipeg and Regional) including Highway Traffic Act matters scheduled to appear in May will be adjourned without you being present and rescheduled for a later date. Notification of the new date and time will be sent to you. If you have any questions regarding your ticket please call 204-945-3156 or 1-800-282-8069 EXT 3156 or by email to POC@GOV.MB.CA

Case management conferences will continue as scheduled, but will be conducted by teleconference.

The Provincial Court of Manitoba will continue to assess the situation on an ongoing basis.

ISSUED BY:

“Original signed by:”

The Honourable Chief Judge

Margaret Wiebe

DATE: April 15, 2020