

**COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA
COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA
PROVINCIAL COURT OF ALBERTA**

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

UPDATE: RESTRICTED ACCESS TO COURTROOMS

May 17, 2022

Effective May 24, 2022, social distancing requirements and related capacity limits due to COVID-19 will be rescinded in some courtrooms in Alberta as noted below. While social distancing in those courtrooms will no longer be required, it is, nevertheless, still encouraged. We stress that social distancing and capacity limits remain in effect in all Provincial Court courtrooms until further notice.

All restrictions in relation to masking, vaccination policies and the current use of Plexiglass remain in effect until further notice.

Court of Appeal of Alberta

Social distancing requirements and related capacity limits in courtrooms in which the Court of Appeal hears matters are rescinded.

Proceedings before the Court of Appeal will be conducted in accordance with the [Notice to the Profession and Public](#) dated April 20, 2022. Effective May 2, 2022 and following, all appeal hearings and applications before three-judge panels will be conducted in person. Appeal conferences, judicial dispute resolution matters and single judge matters will continue to be heard virtually until further notice. Bar admission ceremonies will be conducted in person or virtually.

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Social distancing requirements and related capacity limits in courtrooms in which the Court of Queen's Bench hears matters are rescinded.

All matters currently scheduled to proceed remotely will continue to be heard virtually. There is no change to the Court of Queen's Bench policies and processes governing virtual and in-person hearings going forward until further notice. For additional clarity, the following matters which could result in an increased volume of people at courthouses will continue to be heard virtually as will Bar admission ceremonies:

- Bail Estreatments
- Bail Reviews
- Bankruptcy Lists

- Child Support Lists
- Commercial Lists
- Criminal Appearance Court
- EVV Triage Lists
- Family Docket Court
- Inter-Jurisdictional Support Order Lists

There is no change to the current COVID-19-related policies and processes governing the filing of materials at the Court of Queen’s Bench.

Provincial Court of Alberta

The capacity limits in courtrooms in which the Provincial Court conducts matters remain in place until further notice.

All matters currently scheduled to proceed remotely will continue to be heard remotely.

- Case Management Offices remain remote appearance only.
 - For more information, see <https://www.albertacourts.ca/pc/resources/covid/covid-19-criminal-and-youth-criminal-matters/CMO>.
- Traffic Court:
 - In-person counter services remain closed until further notice. Traffic docket appearances continue to be heard remotely through Webex or telephone.
 - For more information, see the current [*Traffic Resumption Protocol*](#).

Bar admission ceremonies will be conducted in person (subject to courtroom capacity restrictions) or virtually.



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