



Notice to Profession and Public regarding court proceedings – May 12, 2021 UPDATE

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In response to the continuing public health situation, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice will continue to operate in accordance with the direction of April 8, 2021 that stated:

Until further direction from the Court, all non-jury matters should proceed virtually unless it is absolutely necessary to hold the proceedings in-person. To the greatest extent possible, all other avenues should be explored and implemented. This applies to proceedings throughout the province and will remain in effect until further notice of this Court. Counsel and parties should request in-person hearings only where absolutely necessary and I have requested all judicial officers, when exercising their authority, to hold in-person hearings only where absolutely necessary. The requirement to gown remains suspended for all in-person, hybrid and remote hearings. Should matters deteriorate, further changes may be announced.

Future jury selection and trials

The Court will not resume jury matters in June. The Court may be in a position to resume jury selection and jury trials in July, August or September, subject to the public health situation provincially and regionally and regional direction from the Regional Senior Justice. Please check for local directions and/or confirm with local scheduling staff.

Geoffrey B. Morawetz
Chief Justice.
Ontario Superior Court of Justice