



THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR  
NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC  
REVISED COVID-19 OPERATIONAL PLAN  
ISSUED JULY 29, 2022  
LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS

Effective Monday, August 1, 2022 and until further notice, the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador will lift its restrictions including capacity limits and physical distancing requirements. The public will have access to the courthouses; however, the presiding judge may limit access to the courtroom.

**IN-CUSTODY ACCUSED**

Arraignments, judicial interim release (bail) hearings and sentencings may be conducted in-person but the use of audio and video technology is encouraged.

The Accused will continue to attend their trials or preliminary inquiries in-person unless otherwise ordered by the judge.

**PERSONS NOT IN-CUSTODY**

If you are scheduled to appear in Court (first appearance, trial, preliminary inquiry, sentencing hearing or other hearing, or to vary an existing order), and you are not represented by counsel, you must appear in Court on your scheduled date. Please refer to the Provincial Court Docket at <https://docket.court.nl.ca/> for instructions on how to access your new Court date.

**PARTIES REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL**

Counsel are encouraged to file all applications electronically but in-person applications will be accepted.

Counsel are also encouraged to file designations of counsel where applicable.

For individual appearances by counsel, CourtCall may be used. Please contact the local courthouse as to whether a toll-free conference number is available.

**VIRTUAL COURT**

The Court will maintain its capacity to conduct virtual court. Parties are required to make an application for use of virtual court.

## **WEEKEND AND STATUTORY HOLIDAY COURT (WASH)**

Current WASH court procedures remain unchanged. The general public will not be permitted to attend. All parties, including the Accused, will appear by audio or video technology. Media may attend using audio technology.

## **MASKING**

Masking inside the public areas of the courthouses is strongly encouraged. Masking inside the courtrooms is also strongly encouraged but will be at the discretion of the presiding judge.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES**

If you are experiencing a COVID-19 related symptom, do not attend Court. You must contact the Court by telephone in advance of your scheduled appearance. (The number is listed below).

Please visit <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/> for the most recent and up-to-date information relating to COVID-19, including the self-assessment tool.

## **UPDATES**

Court operations will be monitored to ensure optimal service during these challenging times. Any changes will be posted on this website, <https://court.nl.ca/provincial/>.

## **COURTHOUSE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Enquiries can be made to the local Courthouse, as follows:

St. John's	(709) 729-1004	<a href="mailto:stjohns@provincial.court.nl.ca">stjohns@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>
Harbour Grace	(709) 596-6141	<a href="mailto:harbourgrace@provincial.court.nl.ca">harbourgrace@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>
Grand Bank	(709) 832-1450	<a href="mailto:grandbank@provincial.court.nl.ca">grandbank@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>
Clarenville	(709) 466-2635	<a href="mailto:clarenville@provincial.court.nl.ca">clarenville@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>
Gander	(709) 256-1100	<a href="mailto:gander@provincial.court.nl.ca">gander@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>
Grand Falls-Windsor	(709) 292-4212	<a href="mailto:grandfallswindsor@provincial.court.nl.ca">grandfallswindsor@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>
Corner Brook	(709) 637-2323	<a href="mailto:cornerbrook@provincial.court.nl.ca">cornerbrook@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>
Stephenville	(709) 643-2966	<a href="mailto:stephenville@provincial.court.nl.ca">stephenville@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>
Happy Valley-Goose Bay	(709) 896-7870	<a href="mailto:happyvalleygoosebay@provincial.court.nl.ca">happyvalleygoosebay@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>
Wabush	(709) 282-6617	<a href="mailto:wabush@provincial.court.nl.ca">wabush@provincial.court.nl.ca</a>