



COVID-19: PROVINCIAL COURT EXTEND THE SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON PROCEEDINGS ACROSS THE PROVINCE

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Further to the directive issued on April 26, 2021, the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia is extending the suspension of in-person court proceedings in all areas of the province until at least May 31, 2021. This directive will be re-evaluated as the number of COVID-19 cases in the province and public health restrictions change.

Please note that during the ongoing suspension, Provincial Court judges in certain locations may require in-person attendance of local counsel for contested bail hearings. Counsel involved in contested proceedings should check with the judge presiding in that jurisdiction for direction.

All other in-person appearances in the Provincial Courts that are currently scheduled through to May 31, 2021, will be adjourned and rescheduled. Court staff will be in touch with counsel regarding rescheduling.

This directive does not affect scheduled or new Provincial Court matters that can be done remotely by telephone, videoconferencing or a combination of the two technologies. Those matters will proceed, unless the presiding judge orders otherwise.

Self-Represented Individuals

If you are not in custody and you have a court appearance by telephone or video, unless the Court contacts you directly, your matter will go ahead, and you are expected to participate. If you are unsure of the status of your matter, please [contact the courthouse](#) where your matter is scheduled to be heard.

If you are not in custody and you have an in-person appearance in the Provincial Court between now and May 31, 2021, you should not come to the courthouse. Instead, you should [contact the courthouse](#) where your matter is scheduled to be heard or contact duty counsel at Nova Scotia Legal Aid to assist with adjourning your matter. You can apply online using the Legal Aid [Adjournment Request](#) form or call 902-420-7800.

You will be required to attend court in person on the new date you are provided.

For more information on the COVID-19 measures in the Provincial Court and the Youth Justice Court, please refer to the [Consolidated Directive](#).

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