



## CALGARY CRIMINAL COURTS COURT RESUMPTION PROTOCOL - COURT SCHEDULE

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**Effective: August 24, 2020**

### **Purpose:**

As the Provincial Court of Alberta continues to expand the services provided to Albertans while the Court Pandemic Plan still remains in effect, the purpose of this Practice Note is to update what types of matters will be heard in the courtrooms located in the Calgary Courts Centre and the manner in which they are to be addressed.

**Everyone who enters a courthouse in the Province of Alberta will be required to wear a mask or protective face covering in all areas of the courthouse.**

### **305 Court (Remote appearance only):**

- Continuous court commencing at 9:00 a.m.
- In-custody docket (ACPS matters only)
- Consent releases; bail hearings under 20 minutes in length
- Brief guilty pleas under 15 minutes in length.

### **306 Court (Remote appearance only):**

- Court will begin at 9:00 a.m. and sit no later than 4:30 p.m. with a scheduled luncheon recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Scheduled bail hearings of up to 2 hours in length booked into time slots through the Case Management Office (CMO).

### **308 Court:**

- Court will begin at 9:30 a.m. and sit no later than 4:30 p.m. with a scheduled luncheon recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- In custody and out of custody disposition court (in person or remote appearance by accused)
- Scheduled appearances booked in hourly slots through the CMO
- Remote appearance by counsel is also permitted

## **505 Court:**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

- Court will begin at 9:00 a.m. and sit no later than 4:30 p.m. with a scheduled luncheon recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- In custody docket (PPSC)
- Consent releases; bail hearings under 20 minutes in length
- Brief guilty pleas under 15 minutes in length
- Guilty pleas and bail hearings that will take longer than 20 minutes will be scheduled through the CMO into hourly time slots beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- In person appearance of accused for dispositions is permitted
- Remote appearance by counsel is permitted.

Tuesday

- This court will remain closed at this time.

Thursday

- Drug Treatment Court will begin at 11:00 a.m.
- Participants will appear as directed by Drug Treatment Court staff at scheduled sessions during the day to ensure social distancing is maintained and courtroom capacity (CoVid) is not exceeded
- In person attendance by participants expected
- Remote appearance by some team members is permitted.

## **506 Court:**

Monday

- Court will begin at 9:30 a.m. and sit no later than 4:30 p.m. with a scheduled luncheon recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Low complexity Domestic Conflict Trials
- **Trial start times will be staggered throughout the day to ensure social distancing is maintained and courtroom capacity (CoVid) is not exceeded**
- In person attendance expected.

Tuesday

- Court will begin at 9:30 a.m. and sit no later than 4:30 p.m. with a scheduled luncheon recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Low complexity Trials
- **Trial start times will be staggered throughout the day to ensure social distancing is maintained and courtroom capacity (CoVid) is not exceeded**

- In person attendance expected.

#### Wednesday

- This court will remain closed at this time.

#### Thursday

- Scheduled bail hearings of any length booked into hourly slots through the CMO between 9:30 a.m. and concluding no later than 12:30 p.m.
- Pre-preliminary hearing meetings will at this time be scheduled from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in scheduled slots through the CMO
- Remote appearance by counsel is permitted.

#### Friday

- Court will begin at 9:30 a.m. and sit no later than 4:30 p.m. with a scheduled luncheon recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Confirmation hearings will be scheduled in hourly slots through the CMO on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month
- Low complexity trials will be scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month
- In person appearance is expected.

### **507 Court:**

#### Monday, Thursday

- Court will begin at 9:30 a.m. and sit no later than 12:30 p.m.
- In custody and out of custody disposition court (in person/remote appearance by accused)
- Scheduled appearances booked in hourly slots through the CMO
- Remote appearance by counsel is also permitted.

#### Tuesday (Justice of the Peace Court)

- Court will begin at 9:30 a.m. and sit no later than 4:30 p.m. with a scheduled luncheon recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Section 810 peace bonds; process hearings; section 490 hearings
- Scheduled appearances booked in hourly slots through the CMO
- In person attendance expected.

#### Wednesday, Friday

- This court will remain closed at this time.

### **508 Court:**

- Court will begin at 9:00 a.m. and sit no later than 4:30 p.m. with a scheduled luncheon recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Domestic Violence Court
- Consent releases; bail hearings under 20 minutes in length
- Brief guilty pleas under 20 minutes in length

- Guilty pleas that will take longer than 20 minutes will be scheduled through the CMO into hourly time slots beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- In person/remote appearance of accused for scheduled dispositions is permitted
- Remote appearance by counsel is also permitted.

**1005/1106 Court:**

- Court will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- Assignment Courts for scheduled trials
- Remote and in person appearance by counsel is permitted for Assignment Court purposes only
- **Counsel will ensure witnesses are staggered/on standby to ensure social distancing compliance and courtroom capacity limits are not exceeded**
- These courts will also sit as a trial court once matters are assigned.

**1105, 1107, 1108 Courts:**

- Trial courtrooms (in custody and out of custody matters)
- In person attendance by counsel and witnesses is expected unless prior arrangements made with the Court.

**1006, 1007 Courts:**

- These courts will be available for in custody and out of custody trials as needed.

**1008 Court:**

- Continuous court commencing at 9:00 a.m.
- This Court will serve as the Required Appearance Court until further notice
- Warrant applications from CMO at 2:00 p.m.
- In person/remote appearance by accused is permitted
- Remote appearance by counsel is also permitted.

**1800 Court:**

Wednesday

- The Calgary Indigenous Court
- Court will begin at 9:00 a.m. and sit no later than 4:30 p.m. with a scheduled luncheon recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Scheduled appearances in hourly slots either in person or remote appearance from the Elizabeth Fry Society boardroom
- Scheduled bail hearings between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- Scheduled guilty pleas, sentencings between 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

- This court will remain closed at this time

Friday

- Tsuut'ina Peacemaker Court (please see Regional Court Schedule)

**The Case Management office will remain closed to all in person appearances until further notice. All appearances by self-represented litigants and by Counsel will be by remote appearance only via email or telephone pursuant to the Case Management Office and Out of Custody Docket Court Business Resumption Protocol.**

As per: Assistant Chief Judge Durant  
Calgary Criminal and Regional Courts

Date: August 18, 2020