



## CALGARY REGION CRIMINAL, FAMILY AND CIVIL DIVISIONS

### COURT RESUMPTION PROTOCOL – PART 3

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**(Calgary Base Court locations: Airdrie, Canmore, Cochrane, Didsbury, Okotoks, Tsuut'ina, Turner Valley)**

**Effective: September 8, 2020**

#### **Purpose:**

As the Provincial Court of Alberta begins 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 regional locations listed above (Calgary Base Court) and the manner in which they are to be addressed.

As of September 8, 2020, regional courthouses will re-open for the following matters:

- All criminal trials and preliminary inquiries
- Family court hearings
- Civil court hearings
- Traffic court mandatory court appearances and trials (see [covid-19 traffic court](#))

#### [Calgary Region Remote Court locations & Sittings](#)

All Regional Case Management offices will remain closed to in-person appearances. Appearances will continue to be via email or telephone pursuant to the [Case Management Office and Out of Custody Docket Court Business Resumption Protocol](#).

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

#### **Matters remaining in the Calgary Courts Centre:**

##### **Courtroom 1405:**

- Continuous court commencing at 9:00 a.m. and concluding no later than 3:30 p.m.

- In-custody docket in accordance with scheduled appearance at regional location
- 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 Case Management Office into hourly time slots beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- Either in person or remote appearance of accused for dispositions is permitted
- Remote appearance by counsel is permitted
- **This court will also serve as a Required Appearance Court for urgent matters that cannot otherwise be booked in a time slot.**

**Courtroom 1800:**

- Docket Court for matters arising from the Tsuut'ina Nation every first and third Friday of the month
- Continuous court commencing at 9:30 a.m. and concluding no later than 3:30 p.m.
- In custody and **scheduled** out of custody docket matters **only**
- 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 Clerk's Office into hourly time slots beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- Either in person or remote appearance of accused for dispositions is permitted
- Remote appearance by counsel is permitted

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

Date: August 25, 2020