



CALGARY REGION CRIMINAL, FAMILY AND CIVIL DIVISIONS COURT RESUMPTION PROTOCOL – PART 2

Effective: July 6, 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 courtrooms located in the Calgary Courts Centre (Calgary Base Court) and Drumheller (Drumheller Base Court) and the manner in which they are to be addressed.

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.

Calgary Base Court:

For all Criminal matters arising from Airdrie, Canmore, Cochrane, Didsbury, Okotoks, Tsuut'ina, Turner Valley

1405 Court-Calgary Courts Centre:

- 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.
- In person 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.**

1406/1407 Courts-Calgary Courts Centre:

- 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.
- Trial courtrooms (in custody and out of custody matters)

- Trials and preliminary inquiries from Strathmore and Siksika may also be booked in these courtrooms
- In person attendance by counsel and witnesses is expected unless prior arrangements made with the Court
- **Counsel will ensure witnesses are staggered/on standby to ensure social distancing compliance and courtroom capacity limits are not exceeded**

For Family Court matters arising out of all regional locations (Base Court Calgary), please contact 403-297-3740 for instructions.

Drumheller Base Court:

For matters arising from: Drumheller, Hanna, Siksika and Strathmore

Courtroom 101 Drumheller:

Monday:

- This court will remain closed at this time

Tuesday:

- Continuous court commencing at 9:30 a.m. and concluding no later than 3:30 p.m.
- In-custody docket matters arising from Strathmore
- 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.
- Family court matters and Civil Pre-Trial Conferences will also be scheduled 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

Wednesday:

- Continuous court commencing at 9:30 a.m. and concluding no later than 3:30 p.m.
- Family matters arising from Siksika will be scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month in hourly time slots beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- Remote appearance by counsel and parties is expected for Family matters unless prior arrangements for in person attendance are made with the Court.
- Criminal matters arising from Hanna will be scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of each month and will include the following:
 - In custody docket matters arising from Hanna
 - 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.
- In person appearance of accused for dispositions is permitted
- Remote appearance by counsel for docket and dispositions is permitted

- In custody and out of custody trials or preliminary inquiries
- In person attendance for trials and preliminary inquiries by counsel and witnesses is expected unless prior arrangements made with the Court
- **Counsel will ensure witnesses for trials are staggered/on standby to ensure social distancing compliance and courtroom capacity limits are not exceeded**
- This court will remain closed on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of each month at this time

Thursday:

- Continuous court commencing at 9:30 a.m. and concluding no later than 3:30 p.m.
- In custody matters arising from Siksika
- Consent releases; bail hearings under 20 minutes in length
- Brief guilty pleas under 15 minutes in length
- Remote appearance by counsel is permitted.

Friday:

- Continuous court commencing at 9:30 a.m. and concluding no later than 3:30 p.m.
- In custody matters arising from Drumheller
- 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.
- Family court matters and Civil Pre-Trial Conferences will also be scheduled into hourly time slots beginning at 11:30 a.m. if there is time available
- In person appearance of accused for dispositions is permitted
- Remote appearance by counsel for docket and dispositions is permitted
- In custody and out of custody trials or preliminary inquiries
- In person attendance for trials and preliminary inquiries by counsel and witnesses is expected unless prior arrangements made with the Court
- **Counsel will ensure witnesses for trials are staggered/on standby to ensure social distancing compliance and courtroom capacity limits are not exceeded**

All Regional Case Management offices will remain closed to in person appearances. All appearances by self-represented litigants and by Counsel will occur at the respective Base Court location, and will be remote appearance only via email or telephone pursuant to the Case Management Office and Out of Custody Docket Court Resumption Protocol.

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

Date: June 24, 2020