



EDMONTON CRIMINAL PRACTICE DIRECTIVE

COVID -19 MEASURES

The restrictions put in place on January 2, 2022 and continued January 18, 2022 expire on February 18.

Beginning February 22, 2022

All trials, preliminary hearings, Fatality Inquiries and other proceedings where witnesses are called will resume on an in-person basis. All of the participants in the trial process will appear in person. Applications for remote participation through the use of video technology must be made 30 days in advance of the trial date, wherever possible. All safety measures—masking, physical distancing, capacity limits, and plexiglass remain in place.

All other proceedings

All other scheduled docket (including the Case Management Office) and disposition court proceedings will be conducted by way of remote appearance through Webex or telephone, in accordance with existing Practice Notes. NOTE: Dispositions where the accused will be or is at risk of going into custody will be conducted on an in-person basis. Whether a disposition matter will be adjourned to permit or require personal appearance by the accused individual will be at the discretion of the presiding Judge, exercised in accordance with the law and the existing Practice Notes.

Drug Treatment Court

The Edmonton Drug Treatment Court will resume in person appearances, with remote appearances allowed at the discretion of the presiding Judge.

Mental Health Court

The Edmonton Mental Health Court will resume in person appearances, with remote appearances allowed at the discretion of the presiding Judge.

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