



SOUTHERN REGION COURT RESUMPTION PROTOCOL

Effective: May 6, 2021

Court Locations:

The following base and circuit Court locations will remain open:

- Lethbridge (base)
 - Cardston
 - Pincher Creek
 - Fort Macleod
 - Taber
- Medicine Hat (base)
 - Brooks

Case Management Office

The Case Management Office (CMO) will remain closed to all in-person appearances unless otherwise authorized by the Court. 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 \(CMO\) and Out-of-Custody Docket Court Resumption Protocol](#).

Self-Represented Individuals

Self-represented individuals must appear in person for trials, preliminary inquiries and all other hearings as scheduled unless advised otherwise, or as may be superseded by Provincial Court of Alberta COVID-19 protocols from time to time. Docket appearances are required and are to be made remotely. To determine how to do this parties are encouraged to contact duty counsel, Native Counselling Services, or the appropriate courthouse for assistance:

Contact Information:

Duty Counsel (Legal Aid)

1-866-845-3425 (intakes only)

1-855-670-6149 (legal advice except for same-day appearances)

Native Counselling Services

403-329-6140

lethbridge@ncsa.ca

Lethbridge Provincial Court 403-381-5224
pc.lethbridge@just.gov.ab.ca

Medicine Hat Provincial Court 403-529-8644
criminaljp.medicinehat@csadm.just.gov.ab.ca

Trials, Preliminary Inquiries and Hearings:

All trials, preliminary inquiries and hearings (Criminal, Family, Child Enhancement, Civil, and Youth) presently scheduled will proceed as scheduled and at the court location specified unless the parties are advised otherwise, or as may be superseded by Provincial Court of Alberta COVID-19 protocols from time to time.

Dockets:

All docket courts (Criminal, Family, Child Enhancement, Civil, and Youth) will be held remotely. No in-person appearances are allowed unless with permission of the court.

All docket courts commence at 9:30 a.m. with the exception of the following:

Lethbridge

Drug Treatment Court: 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 2 p.m.
Youth: 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.
Family: Thursdays at 9:30 for self-represented individuals and 1:30 for lawyer matters

Medicine Hat

Youth: Mondays at 1:00 p.m.
Family: Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Drug Treatment Court: 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Civil docket matters: as scheduled by the clerk's office

Judicial Dispute Resolution, Pre-Trial Conferences and Case Management Meetings:

These will proceed by remote appearance only unless other directed by the Court.

** All other Provincial Court of Alberta protocols and guidelines apply to the South Region including COVID-19 safety measures.

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