

TRAFFIC COURT REMINDER

1. **At this time, DO NOT ATTEND** a Provincial court house **IN PERSON** as either the defendant or as a witness in a trial to deal with a traffic, provincial **offence** or by-law ticket, or to attend traffic court for any trial scheduled up to and including Friday, September 4, 2020.
2. **HOWEVER**, you MUST contact the court house where the ticket says you must appear by telephone or email.
3. Some court houses (“circuit points”) may not be open to the public or at all. Read both sides of your ticket carefully to see if there is an alternate location (“base point”) specified on the ticket where you may contact the court. You may consult a Google map of court locations in Alberta at <https://www.albertacourts.ca/pc/court-practice-and-schedules/locations-map>. Click on the pin for information. See also [Traffic Contact Information](#).
4. Fines can be paid at www.fines.alberta.ca and the service fee has been waived during COVID.
5. **From September 8, 2020 onwards**, you should continue to deal with ticket matters by phone, mail or email unless you have a date set for your trial, or if you are a witness required to attend a Traffic Court trial. In that case you must attend in person at the court house where the trial is set on the scheduled date and time. If you fail to appear on that scheduled date, a warrant may issue for your arrest or a conviction (a finding of guilt) in your absence may be entered by the Court. Please remember that you must always wear a mask in public areas of any court house in Alberta.
6. You can access up-to-date information about how Traffic Court in Alberta is handling ticket matters on the Provincial Court’s website at <https://albertacourts.ca/pc/resources/covid/covid-19-traffic-court>.
7. If you have a “mandatory court” ticket (a pink coloured ticket) or you were released by the Court on a Release Order and you failed to contact Traffic Court on or before the scheduled appearance date, you may have a warrant outstanding for your arrest. You may wish to contact the court house you were supposed to appear at (or its base point as per the Court House Map referred to above) for more information about options for how to address your warrant and the charge you failed to deal with.