

PRESS RELEASE

DIRECTIVE TO ALL LAWYERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

COVID-19 : Further restrictions in the Provincial Court

(This directive replaces the Press Release dated March 15th, 2020)

Further to the State of Emergency declared by the New Brunswick government, the Chief Judge of the New Brunswick Provincial Court is issuing further restrictive measures to those already implemented to contain the spread of COVID-19.

These measures are effective immediately and until May 31, 2020 or until further notice. Contact information for all Court's location is set out below.

- If you are **not in custody** and you have a **criminal trial** scheduled in the Provincial Court between March 23 and May 31, 2020, your matter will be adjourned, unless otherwise ordered. You must call the Provincial Court or send an e-mail to the applicable court location **before** your scheduled trial date for further directives;
- If you are a **witness** in a **criminal trial** scheduled in Provincial Court between March 23 and May 31, 2020, you must contact Public Prosecution Services before the scheduled trial date by telephone or email for further directives;
- **If you are scheduled for appearance in Provincial Court for any other matter** scheduled between March 23 and May 31, 2020, you must call or send an e-mail to the applicable Provincial Court office on or before your scheduled date to set-up a telephone conference with the Judge. **You must not appear in person.**

Urgent matters will proceed as follows, unless adjourned by the Court on application by a party. Parties are asked to proceed by videoconference, if such means are available and deemed appropriate by the presiding Judge.

- All proceedings for Accused persons in custody, including bail hearings, trials, sentencing hearings, preliminary inquiries, and youth criminal sentence reviews;
- Trials (including trial continuation, sentencing hearings and decisions) and preliminary inquiries for persons not in custody will proceed only if a judge determines in advance that the matter is urgent;
- All court filings and applications for judicial authorizations will proceed by telecommunication. Section 490 *Criminal Code* applications will be heard by

telecommunication; if contested, the Judge will decide if the matter is urgent and give further instructions as to how to proceed.

REGION	TELEPHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL CRIMINAL MATTERS
Campbellton	506-789-2337	pc-campbellton@gnb.ca
Bathurst	506-547-2155	pc-bathurst@gnb.ca
Caraquet	506-726-2502	pc-caraquet@gnb.ca
Tracadie	506-394-3700	pc-tracadie@gnb.ca
Miramichi	506-627-4018	pc-miramichi@gnb.ca
Elsipogtog	506-523-4600	pc-elsipogtog@gnb.ca
Moncton	506-856-2307	mctnpcrequests@gnb.ca
Saint John	506-658-2568	pc-saintjohn@gnb.ca
Burton	506-357-4020	pc-burton@gnb.ca
Fredericton	506-453-2120	Fredericton.provincialcourt@gnb.ca
Woodstock	506-325-4415	Woodstock.provincialcourt@gnb.ca
Edmundston	506-735-2026	pc-edmundston@gnb.ca