

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

RE: SETTING OUT OF CUSTODY TRIALS AND DISPOSITIONS

On March 18, 2020, the court released a notice relating to appearances in court for those court proceedings which were suspended on March 16, 2020.

The Provincial Court of Manitoba's efforts to respond to the concerns raised by the COVID-19 pandemic requires constant re-evaluation as the impacts of previous decisions and public health recommendations evolve. We continue to re-assess our priorities so that we can provide the essential services necessary with reduced staff.

On March 18, 2020, we said, in Winnipeg, for out of custody dispositions and trial dates already set between March 16, 2020 and May 1, 2020, the dates could be re-set on the originally scheduled date, if a new date had been agreed upon and confirmed by the trial/disposition coordinators. We have found this direction is interfering with our ability to prioritize the setting of in-custody trials and dispositions.

The setting of all out of custody dispositions and trial dates will be suspended until after May 1, 2020, to allow court staff to focus on the priority custody matters.

The setting of special sitting trial dates for out of custody matters in circuit locations will be suspended until after May 1st, 2020.

The filing of motions in relation to out of custody matters will also be suspended until after May 1st, 2020.

We appreciate all of the efforts that have been made by all justice system participants to collaborate and work together to address the pressing issues faced by the justice system in these challenging times.

ISSUED BY:

“Original signed by:”

**The Honourable Chief Judge
Margaret Wiebe**

DATE: March 26, 2020