

NOTICE

MANITOBA COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH - MASTERS

RE: COVID-19 SUSPENSION AND RESTRICTION OF HEARINGS

MARCH 17, 2020

The notice issued by the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench on March 16, 2020 set out restrictions on matters proceeding during the period from March 17 to April 17, 2020 because of the COVID-19 virus. This notice will address more particularly any matters scheduled to appear before a master during that period in any Judicial Centre.

Child Protection Dockets

These dockets are suspended until April 14, 2020.

All matters presently returnable on the child protection dockets prior to April 14, 2020 are adjourned for four weeks from their presently scheduled dates.

All new petitions filed during the suspension period are to be returnable on the first available docket for each particular agency, after April 14, 2020.

Any and all emergency hearings related to child protection matters may be addressed by a duty judge in accordance with the notice issued on March 16, 2020.

Masters' Uncontested List

This list is suspended through and including April 17, 2020. All matters presently scheduled on this list during the suspension period are adjourned *sine die*. If your matter is an emergency, please contact the masters' coordinator, who will contact the duty master for a determination as to whether and how the matter will proceed.

Bankruptcy Dockets

These dockets are suspended through and including April 17, 2020. All matters presently scheduled on these dockets during the suspension period are adjourned *sine die*.

Maintenance Enforcement Dockets

These dockets are suspended through and including April 17, 2020. All individuals scheduled to appear on these dockets during the suspension period will be notified of a new date by the Maintenance Enforcement Program.

All other matters

Any other hearing scheduled before a master through and including April 17, 2020 is adjourned *sine die*. This includes contested motions, passing of accounts, references, lawyers' fee assessments, or any other type of hearing.

For all matters adjourned *sine die* as a result of this notice, a further notice will be issued prior to April 17, 2020, advising how counsel or a party may schedule a new date for the hearing.

With the exception of the matters set out above, the masters will not be taking any new scheduling requests during the suspension period.

ISSUED BY:

“Original signed by Master Berthaudin”

Master S. D. Berthaudin

March 17, 2020