

NOTICE

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA (GENERAL DIVISION)

RE: ADJUSTMENT TO CURRENT SCHEDULING PROTOCOLS FEBRUARY 1, 2021, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

This Notice will confirm that in the General Division, the scheduling protocols announced in the latest Practice Directions of December 18, 2020 and January 14, 2021, will all continue to apply **from February 1, 2021, until further notice**. A summary of these protocols is as follows:

- All judge-alone criminal trials for both in-custody and out-of-custody accused will proceed as scheduled and in person.
- Where there are counsel representing all parties, all civil trials will proceed as scheduled by video hearing. A video tutorial on the functioning of a video conference trial will soon be available on the Manitoba Courts website.
- All other judicial services being offered by video or audio conference in the areas of criminal and civil law will continue as before unchanged.

All other civil trials scheduled to commence **between February 1 and April 1, 2021** (where one or more parties are not represented by counsel), are adjourned to administrative lists for rescheduling. These adjourned civil trials will be appearing on Administrative Lists on **Friday, April 9, 2021**.

The determination of what, if any, jury trials scheduled to commence between **February 1 and April 1, 2021** will proceed will be made as such trial dates approach based on the relevant circumstances as they exist at the time. Counsel are to remain in regular communication with the pre-trial judge so as to be current as to whether the jury trial will be proceeding.

Coming into effect

This Notice comes into effect immediately.

ISSUED BY:

“Original signed by Chief Justice Glenn D. Joyal”

**The Honourable Chief Justice Glenn D. Joyal
Court of Queen's Bench (Manitoba)**

DATE: January 27, 2021