

NOTICE

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

RE: ADJUSTMENTS TO CURRENT SCHEDULING PROTOCOLS – NOVEMBER 16 TO DECEMBER 11, 2020

Given the government's announcement this morning with respect to its new measures to combat the current and serious COVID-19 situation across Manitoba, the Court of Queen's Bench feels compelled to make certain adjustments to aspects of its current scheduling protocol.

Accordingly, with the exception of those judge-alone criminal trials involving accused persons who are in custody, all currently scheduled trials set to proceed between Monday, November 16, 2020 and Friday, December 11, 2020, will be adjourned to administrative lists for rescheduling, subject to the stipulation respecting virtual trials as set out below. Those administrative lists respecting those adjourned trials will be as follows:

- For Family Division matters, those adjourned trials will be appearing on administrative lists set down for Thursday, December 10, 2020.
- For General Division matters, those adjourned trials will be appearing on administrative lists set down for Friday, December 11, 2020.

It should be understood that based upon interaction with members of both the civil and family Bars, the possibility will remain that trials may proceed virtually with a format arranged and at a cost incurred by the parties themselves. This will occur if and where the parties to a given civil or family trial contact the respective Associate Chief Justice with a proposal for such a virtual trial by the Wednesday in the week preceding the commencement of the trial.

All other judicial services currently being offered by the Court of Queen's Bench by video or audio conference in the areas of criminal, civil, family, and child protection will continue as before, unchanged. To repeat, the only change (with the exception of judge-alone in-custody criminal trials) in the scheduling protocol flowing from this Notice relates to those trials or hearings taking place at the courthouse where *viva voce* testimony is being adduced.

All jury trials scheduled to commence between Monday, November 16 and Friday, December 11, 2020 will be adjourned to the December 11, 2020 administrative list.

All current trials, whatever the division, currently in progress (having commenced before Thursday, November 12, 2020) will continue until completion.

ISSUED BY:

“Original signed by Chief Justice Joyal”

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

DATE: November 10, 2020