

# **NOTICE**

## **COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA**

### **RE: OUT OF PROVINCE PARTIES AND WITNESSES AND THE CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS**

The latest Government of Manitoba Public Health Order dated January 28, 2021 created an exemption from the 14-day isolation requirement for “persons travelling into Manitoba for the purpose of participating in a trial or other judicial proceeding, if they are not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19”.

Notwithstanding the identified exemption, this Notice will confirm that until further notice, given the troubling emergence of COVID variants and given the Court of Queen's Bench's continuing efforts to balance its commitments to access to justice and the delivery of its judicial services with the safety of all Court participants, the Court will require all parties or witnesses (irrespective of whether they are displaying symptoms) who wish to attend in person for their proceedings and who are coming from outside of Manitoba, to continue to isolate as before for the requisite 14 days.

In the case of all criminal, civil, family and child protection proceedings, the most recent and previously released Notices and Practice Directions remain unchanged and should be consulted in relation to presumptions and directions governing in-person and virtual hearings.

#### **Coming into effect**

This Notice comes into effect immediately.

#### **ISSUED BY:**

**“Original signed by Chief Justice Glenn D. Joyal”**

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

**DATE: February 4, 2021**