

**NOTICE**  
**MANITOBA COURT OF APPEAL**

**RE: RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON APPEAL HEARINGS AND CHAMBER  
MOTIONS STARTING AUGUST 23, 2021**

**AUGUST 10, 2021**

This Notice replaces the previously issued Notice dated November 2, 2020.

The Manitoba Court of Appeal continues to balance its institutional obligations with broader public health priorities. Since last November, all appeals have been heard remotely by videoconferencing and all motions or applications have been heard remotely by teleconferencing. Given that the public health measures put in place to address the COVID-19 pandemic were eased as of August 7, 2021, and assuming the public health situation remains stable, the Manitoba Court of Appeal will resume its in-person appeal hearings in Courtroom 330 and in-person chambers motions in Courtroom 130 starting on Monday, August 23, 2021.

For the time being and as strongly recommended by the Chief Public Health Officer in his recent government announcement, the previously announced public safety measures remain in place. These measures include physical distancing, wearing masks and cleaning and sanitizing the courtrooms.

The three Manitoba Courts are currently reviewing the recently announced changes to the Public Health Orders. This examination is being done with a view to properly customizing an approach to what will be a transitional period during which the Courts will continue to facilitate access to justice while, at the same time, ensuring the application of basic risk-reduction principles in order to minimize the risk of any transmission of COVID-19 for those physically attending the Manitoba Law Courts building.

During this transition period, access to the courthouse will continue to be restricted to only those persons who are necessary to the proceedings before the courts (counsel, litigants, accused, witnesses and victim service workers and no more than two support persons per accused or victim will be allowed to attend

proceedings). In addition, the general public is not allowed in the courthouse; however, in order to honour the open court principle, the press and media are allowed to attend. In the next several weeks, if the present public health situation improves or remains stable, it is anticipated that risk-reduction measures will be relaxed.

For the latest information, please monitor the Manitoba Courts website at: <http://www.manitobacourts.mb.ca>

**ISSUED BY:**

**“Original signed by Chief Justice Chartier”**

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**The Honourable Richard J. Chartier  
Chief Justice of Manitoba  
DATE: August 10, 2021**