

[Protocols](#). NP 22 provides that in order to maintain a safe physical distance in the public gallery between members of the media and public, the number of seats available in courtrooms will be limited, and entry into the courtroom will not be permitted if the safe physical distancing requirements cannot be maintained.

2. Access to Audio Recordings of Court Proceedings (DARS)

Any requests for access to audio recordings of court proceedings (post-hearing) by accredited media should be made by completing the [Undertaking of Accredited Media](#) (Digital Audio Recording - File Transfer Protocol) (ADM864b)¹ and emailing (a) a signed copy of the Undertaking to the applicable [court location](#), and (b) a copy of their Accredited Media Identification, addressed to the attention of a Court Services Branch Justice of the Peace. All requests for access to audio recordings via File Transfer Protocol (FTP) are subject to the access provisions set out in Part 6 of the [Access to Court Records Policy](#) (ACC-2).

History of Notice to Accredited Media

- Original Notice to Accredited Media issued April 24, 2020 and effective on April 27, 2020.
- Amended Notice to Accredited Media effective July 13, 2020 (Housekeeping amendments consequential to [NP 19 COVID 19: Resumption of Court Operations – July 13, 2020](#)).
- Amended Notice to Accredited Media effective September 25, 2020 (update section 2).
- January 29, 2021 updated to add reference to [Notice to the Profession and Public 21](#) under “Remote Access”.

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¹ The Undertaking of Accredited Media (ADM864b) is available at the following Government of BC webpage: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/courthouse-services/documents-forms-records/court-forms/criminal-court-forms>.