

9. Further information

- [Protocol](#) for communication and testing related to COVID-19 at courthouses
- BC Centre for Disease Control [Guidance for Courthouse Users During the COVID-19 Pandemic & BC Restart Plan](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control Public Exposures webpage](#) regarding courthouse exposure events and incidents

History of Notice to the Profession and Public

- Original Notice to the Profession and Public effective June 05, 2020.
- See also NP 19 Notice to the Profession and Public - COVID-19
- The Supreme Court of British Columbia's COVID-19 Notices and Announcements are posted [here](#).
- Amended Notice to Profession and Public effective on July 27, 2020 (housekeeping amendments consequential to NP 19 COVID: Resumption of Court Operations – July 13, 2020).
- Amended Notice to Profession and Public effective on September 15, 2020 (adds to para. 1 that counsel must also be in a position to confirm that, to their knowledge, no one involved on their side traveled outside Canada within 14 days of their anticipated in-person appearance in a courtroom; and deletes last paragraph regarding unavailability of public listening stations).
- October 7, 2020 revised with housekeeping changes to remove historical dates.
- October 16, 2020 revised section 2 with updated list of symptoms as set out by the BC Centre for Disease Control, and to address situations arising during or after attending court.
- November 9, 2020 revised #4 on p. 4 regarding the wearing of masks in courthouses and courtrooms.
- November 25, 2020 revised #4 on p. 4 updating the requirement to wear face masks or face coverings in courthouses and courtrooms.
- January 29, 2021 revised section 1 to reflect CDC website on symptoms, section 9 added, and housekeeping changes.
- February 16, 2021 revised section 8 regarding JCM office and housekeeping changes.
- July 02, 2021 revised in accordance with updated BC Centre for Disease Control Guidance for Courthouse Users During the COVID-19 Pandemic & BC Restart Plan, and the government's Restart Plan.
- August 25, 2021 revised #4 to refer to Court Announcements for current public health masking recommendations or requirements in courthouses.

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