











### 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 13, 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 1 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 JSM 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.
- September 1, 2021 housekeeping changes, including updating #9 with links to further information previously contained in "Purposes".
- January 31, 2022 updated section 4 "Face Masks – In a Courthouse" and section 9 "Further information."
- February 9, 2022 updated section 1 "Addressing Instances of Symptomatic Participants" to update information regarding compliance with any public health COVID-19 requirements related to travel from outside Canada (if applicable), and a housekeeping change to section 2.

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