



**Updated Notice to the Profession, the Public and the Media regarding
Coronavirus/COVID-19**

**Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal and
Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island**

March 18, 2020 (updated from March 16, 2020)

This notice is an update to the notice issued on March 16, 2020.

The situation continues to change rapidly, including the province's declaration of a public health emergency pursuant to the *Public Health Act*. In addition, the province has moved to reduce operations to essential services along with a direction that staff not required for essential operations are to work from home. Public access to the courthouses in the province is limited accordingly.

Individuals wishing to attend the courthouses for court proceedings should first contact the applicable court at the number below **prior to attending court**.

The Charlottetown and Summerside courthouses remain open for filing of documents, but with added safety precautions and restrictions in place. Filing by fax in accordance with the *Civil Procedure Rules* is preferred and encouraged. Questions related to court filings are directed to the Registrar and Prothonotary Krista J. MacKay Q.C. at [902-368-6669](tel:902-368-6669).

Given the move to essential services, effective immediately, non-essential matters, including previously scheduled case management conference calls, pre-motion conferences, settlement conferences, pre-trial conferences and trials (including Small Claims trials) are adjourned.

Urgent or emergency matters will continue to be heard, in a manner and forum determined by the court.

All members of the public are expected to follow the recommendations and advisories of the Chief Public Health Office.

Individuals who have questions about court appearances or matters should first contact their legal counsel. If individuals do not have legal counsel, or if further information is required, they should contact the following:

Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal: [902-368-6024](tel:902-368-6024)

Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island: [902-368-6023](tel:902-368-6023)

We appreciate the patience, cooperation and flexibility of all as we continue to navigate these rapidly changing times.

Chief Justice David H. Jenkins
Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal

Chief Justice Tracey L. Clements
Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island