



THE HONOURABLE
CHIEF JUDGE MICHAEL COZENS

TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON
COUR TERRITORIALE DU YUKON

LAW
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NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC

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Vaccination Status of Territorial Court of Yukon Judges

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Territorial Court of Yukon has continued to hear cases in person, with the help of video-conferencing and telephone where necessary. We have so far been able to preserve a safe environment for all participants in the court process by following strict health and safety protocols consistent with the advice and guidance offered by public health officials.

The judiciary is an independent branch of government under the Constitution of Canada. This means that the judges are not legally subject to the direction and control of the Government of Canada or the Government of Yukon. The purpose of judicial independence is to ensure that every person who comes before the court will have their case heard by a judge who is free of governmental or private pressures that may infringe upon the ability of that judge to render a fair and unbiased decision in accordance with the law.

The judges are not subject to the mandatory vaccination requirement applicable to Government of Yukon employees, contractors and volunteers. However, the Court recognizes the interest of the public, especially those who are required to attend court, in being assured the courtrooms are a safe environment. With this in mind, the resident judges of the Territorial Court of Yukon voluntarily disclose that they are all fully vaccinated.

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Chief Judge M. Cozens