



## SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

### NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

**January 4, 2022**

Given the rapidly increasing number of COVID-19 infections in the Yukon and the highly contagious nature of the Omicron variant, the Supreme Court of Yukon will be suspending in-person hearings starting **January 5, 2022** until **February 4, 2022**, or until further notice. There may be certain exceptions made on a case-by-case basis by the presiding judge where in-person testimony or presence may be required. In these cases, counsel or the party, if not represented by counsel, should contact the trial coordinator and decisions will be made by the presiding judge in consultation with counsel or the parties. Discussions will include mask-wearing and other measures to prevent COVID-19 spread.

Family chambers, criminal chambers, civil chambers and appearance days scheduled for January 11, 18 and 25, 2022 will proceed by telephone. The court clerk will contact counsel and/or the parties if not represented by counsel when your matter is ready to be heard for family, civil and appearance day matters. Please ensure the court registry has the telephone numbers of counsel and the parties in advance of chambers' day. For criminal chambers, accused persons in custody will appear by video-conference and counsel will be provided a telephone conference call number by the court clerk the day before chambers' day.

Case Management Conferences, Family Law Case Conferences and Pre-trial Conferences will be heard by telephone. Judicial Settlement Conferences may proceed by video-conference if agreed to by counsel and/or the parties and the presiding judge.

Scheduled hearings will proceed by video-conference. You will be provided with the video link by the court technologist. If you have a matter scheduled and do not have access to video conferencing, then please advise the trial coordinator as soon as possible. In certain circumstances the matter may proceed by telephone, if permitted by the presiding judge.

Any new hearing matters scheduled over this time period will also proceed by video-conference.

Over the same time period, the Supreme Court of Yukon will accept filing by email at the following email address: [courtfilings@yukon.ca](mailto:courtfilings@yukon.ca). Where materials are filed by email, counsel or the self-represented individual undertake to file the same materials in paper, with the required filing fee, at the Court Registry once regular court operations resume.

The procedure for filing by email will be as follows:

- Once the registry staff receive your documents by email, they will print, review, file stamp and place them on the file.
- The staff will acknowledge your message by email, and include a scanned copy of the filed first page of each of your documents for the file.
- If the staff is unable to file your documents because of a deficiency, they will email you stating the reason why they are unable to file.

As this situation is evolving quickly there may be further changes. Additional notices will be sent out and posted on the court website.

  
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Chief Justice S.M. Duncan