

Update – Additional Court Locations Commencing Virtual Criminal Case Management Appearances in October and November 2020 (Published October 22, 2020)

The Ontario Court of Justice is continuing to implement virtual criminal case management courts, in which criminal case management appearances will be conducted by videoconference or audioconference.

Virtual criminal case management courts will be implemented in the following locations on the identified dates:

Date	Location
October 26 2020	Exeter, Leamington, Walpole Island First Nation (West Region)
November 2, 2020	Huntsville, Minden (Central East Region) Blind River, Elliot Lake, Hearst, Hornepayne, Kapuskasing, Kirkland Lake, Smooth Rock Falls (Northeast Region)
November 9, 2020	Bradford (Central East Region) Sioux Lookout, Red Lake
November 16, 2020	Collingwood (Central East Region) Atikokan, Bearskin Lake, Big Trout Lake, Cat Lake, Deer Lake, Fort Severn, Ignace, Kasabonika Lake, Keewaywin, Kingfisher, Lac Seul, Mishkeegogamang, Muskrat Dam, North Spirit Lake, Pikangikum, Poplar Hill, Rainy River, Sachigo Lake, Sandy Lake, Wapekeka, Weagamow, Wunnumin Lake
November 23, 2020	Midland (Central East Region) Alexandria, Morrisburg, Picton (East Region)
November 30, 2020	Armstrong, Geraldton, Longlac, Marathon, Manitouwadge, Schreiber, Nipigon, Fort Hope, Landsdowne, Ogoki Post, Summer Beaver, Webequie

Details about virtual criminal case management court appearances are available in the Notice, Scheduling and Conducting of Virtual Criminal Case Management Appearances.

Further information about criminal proceedings in the Ontario Court of Justice, including the definition of “case management appearances”, is available in the COVID-19: Notice to Counsel and the Public re: Criminal Matters in the Ontario Court of Justice.

Please continue to check the Ontario Court of Justice website for updates.

Note: The automatic adjournment of criminal case management appearances due to the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in large dockets. In addition, it will likely take all participants some time to adapt to the new procedures and technology involved in conducting these appearances using remote technology. The Court encourages and appreciates the cooperation and patience of all participants, particularly at the beginning of this initiative. The Court will revise and refine the procedures for these virtual case management courts, as appropriate, based on feedback and as court operations continue to evolve in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attendance at Case Management Court

The number of people who may be present in the courthouse and in the courtroom remains restricted in order to comply with health and safety precautions and maintain safe physical distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. For this reason, in-person attendances for criminal court case management appearances can not currently be accommodated at all court locations.

If you have a case management criminal court appearance in any of the court locations listed above, do not attend court in person.

Scheduling and Connection Information

Each case management court has its own unique video link and its own unique telephone number / passcode combination that is needed to connect to the court. This information is set out in courthouse-specific schedules available on the Ontario Court of Justice website.

To facilitate more orderly proceedings and to limit the number of people waiting on the line to have their matters addressed, case management court lists have been subdivided into tiers. Counsel and accused persons are encouraged to connect to the case management courtroom at the time specified for their tier. However, the Court recognizes that, as a result of the automatic adjournment of matters and other scheduling changes, counsel may have conflicting court obligations which will prevent counsel from being able to attend during the allotted time.

The scheduling and connection information for criminal case management courts may change in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and as court operations continue to expand. Please continue to check the Ontario Court of Justice website for updates.

Criminal Case Management Court Appearances in Other Satellite Court Locations

The Ontario Court of Justice has implemented virtual criminal case management courts in all base court locations across Ontario and in a number of satellite court locations. Implementation of virtual criminal case management courts in additional satellite court locations will continue over the next several weeks.

In the meantime, the automatic adjournment of criminal court appearances for accused persons who are not in custody will continue at satellite court locations until the virtual criminal case management court is implemented at that particular location.

If you have a case management criminal court appearance in the Ontario Court of Justice on or before November 30, 2020 in a satellite court location other than those listed below, do not attend court. The court will adjourn your matter for approximately five weeks without you being present, using a court order called a “bench warrant with discretion”, which will require you to attend court on the new date. To find out what date your matter is being adjourned to, see the list of adjournment dates.

Courthouse-specific Scheduling and Connection Information

The chart below includes all Virtual Criminal Case Management Court locations implemented on or before November 2, 2020. Additional locations will be added before their Virtual Criminal Case Management Courts are implemented.

Barrie	Belleville	Blind River
Bracebridge	Brampton	Brantford
Brockville	Cayuga	Chatham
Cobourg	Cochrane	Cornwall
Dryden	Elliot Lake	Exeter
Fort Erie	Fort Frances	Goderich
Gore Bay	Guelph	Haileybury
Hamilton	Hearst	Hornepayne
Huntsville	Kapuskasing	Kenora
Kingston	Kirkland Lake	Kitchener
Leamington	Lindsay	London
Milton	Minden	Napanee
Newmarket	North Bay	Orangeville
L’Orignal	Orillia	Oshawa
Ottawa	Owen Sound	Parry Sound
Pembroke	Perth	Peterborough
St. Catharines	St. Thomas	Sarnia
Simcoe	Smooth Rock Falls	Stratford
Sault Ste Marie	Sudbury	Thunder Bay
Timmins	Toronto (311 Jarvis)	Toronto (College Park)
Toronto East (1911 Eglinton)	Toronto (Old City Hall)	Toronto North (1000 Finch)
Toronto West (2201 Finch)	Walkerton	Walpole Island First Nation

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