

Update – Additional Court Locations Commencing Virtual Criminal Case Management Appearances on September 21, 2020 (Published September 17, 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.

On September 21, 2020, virtual criminal case management courts will be implemented in the following locations:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Courthouse</u>
Central East	Bracebridge, Cobourg, Newmarket, Orillia
Central West	Brampton, Hamilton
East	Belleville, Kingston, Napanee
Northeast	Cochrane, Gore Bay, Haileybury
Northwest	Dryden, Fort Frances, Kenora
West	Owen Sound, Walkerton
Toronto	311 Jarvis, College Park, Old City Hall

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 Satellite Court Locations

As of September 21, 2020, the Ontario Court of Justice will have implemented virtual criminal case management courts in almost all base court locations across Ontario. Province-wide implementation of virtual criminal case management courts will continue over the next several weeks in the few remaining base court locations and in satellite court locations.

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 October 13, 2020 in a satellite court location other than those listed below, do not attend court. The court will adjourn your matter 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.

Appearances between August 24, 2020 and October 13, 2020 will be adjourned to a date approximately five (5) weeks from the original date. To find out what date your matter is being adjourned to, see the [list of](#)

adjournment dates.

Courthouse-specific Scheduling and Connection Information

(for all Virtual Criminal Case Management Court locations implemented on or before September 21, 2020)

Barrie	Belleville	Bracebridge
Brampton	Brantford	Brockville
Cayuga	Chatham	Cobourg
Cochrane	Cornwall	Dryden
Fort Erie	Fort Frances	Goderich
Gore Bay	Guelph	Haileybury
Hamilton	Kenora	Kingston
Kitchener	L'Orignal	Lindsay
London	Milton	Napanee
Newmarket	North Bay	Orangeville
Orillia	Oshawa	Ottawa
Owen Sound	Parry Sound	Pembroke
Perth	Peterborough	St. Catharines
St. Thomas	Sarnia	Simcoe
Stratford	Sault Ste Marie	Sudbury
Thunder Bay	Timmins	Toronto (College Park)
Toronto (Old City Hall)	Toronto (311 Jarvis)	Toronto East (1911 Eglinton)
Toronto North (1000 Finch)	Toronto West (2201 Finch)	Walkerton
Welland	Windsor	Woodstock