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## **Scheduling and Conducting of Virtual Criminal Case Management Appearances: Oshawa, Timmins, Thunder Bay, and Toronto East (1911 Eglinton Ave. East) (Published August 26, 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 Monday August 31, 2020, virtual criminal case management courts will be implemented in Oshawa, Timmins, Thunder Bay, and Toronto East (1911 Eglinton Avenue East.)

Details about virtual criminal case management court appearances are available in the Court's August 20 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 Oshawa, Thunder Bay, or Toronto East (1911 Eglinton), do not attend court in person.

If you have a case management criminal court appearance in Timmins, health and safety measures have been implemented to permit personal attendance in exceptional circumstances. You will need to answer screening questions before you enter an Ontario courthouse. Based on your answers, you will be told whether or not you can enter. If you cannot enter, you will be told what to do next. You can complete the

online screening before going to court. You must show the result as you enter. The online screening tool may be found at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/courthouse-screening>. If you cannot complete the screening online, other screening options are available at the courthouse.

Face coverings are mandatory for everyone who is in a courthouse. If you do not have a face covering with you, you will be given one to put on before entering the courthouse. Persons with a valid medical reason for not wearing a face covering will not be required to wear one.

## **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 and at the end of this notice.

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.

## **Courthouse-specific Scheduling and Connection Information**

[Oshawa](#)

[Thunder Bay](#)

[Timmins](#)

[Toronto East/1911 Eglinton](#)