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Notice to Public Regarding Provincial Offences Act Matters (Updated May 4, 2020)

The Ontario Court of Justice will not be returning to full operations on May 29, 2020. No trials or preliminary inquiries will be conducted until July 6, 2020 at the earliest, unless a judge seized with a continuing matter orders otherwise. This applies to criminal, family and *Provincial Offences Act* matters. The Court will soon provide a detailed notice to the profession and to the public about all proceedings in the Ontario of Justice. The Court is also working closely with its justice partners, including the Ministry of the Attorney General, to adopt technology that will increase participants' ability to access the Court's services using remote means, such as by the electronic filing of court material, remote scheduling processes, and remote hearings.

All *Provincial Offences Act* matters (e.g., traffic tickets and offences under provincial legislation) scheduled until May 29, 2020 will be rescheduled. Do not attend court.

All *Provincial Offences Act* matters scheduled from Monday, March 16, 2020 through to and including Friday, May 29, 2020 will be adjourned and rescheduled to a later date. If you have a matter scheduled during this time, **you do not need to attend court**. This applies to all POA courts in Ontario.

A notice of your new court date will be sent to you by mail to the address on file with the court. For more information, please contact your local Provincial Offences court.

Contact information for all municipal courts is available

here: https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/courts/Court_Addresses/poa/

The following timelines have been extended:

Sections 5(6), 5.1(2)(b), 5.1(12), 9(1)(a), 11(1), 11(4), 17.1(6.1), 18(1), 18.1(5), 18.2(1), 18.3(1), 19, 66(1), 69(1), 116(2)(a), 116(3) and 135(2) of the *Provincial Offences Act*, and sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the *Rules of the Ontario Court (General Division) and the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) in Appeals Under Section 116 of the Provincial Offences Act*, O. Reg. 723/94.

A copy of the [order](#) is available on the Ontario Court of Justice website. It will also be available at all POA court offices as soon as practicable.

Please also be advised that the Government of Ontario made an order pursuant to s. s. 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA), suspending any limitation periods in statutes and regulations for the duration of the State of Emergency. This will impact timelines under the Provincial Offences Act and related proceedings. A copy of the order is available online at: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200073>