

July 8, 2020



SUPREME COURT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND GENERAL PUBLIC: INFORMATION REGARDING ANTICIPATED ATTENDEES AT THE ST. JOHN'S GENERAL DIVISION

In the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador's Guidelines for Re-Opening, the Court noted that while some in-person hearings will resume on July 2, 2020, it will be necessary to limit the number of persons in the courtroom and courthouse at one time to ensure that appropriate physical distance can be maintained between those present.

Given this, only the following persons will be permitted into the **St. John's General Division** courthouse until further notice:

- participants to a proceeding (including parties, witnesses and interpreters);
- counsel for the parties;
- one support person per party; and
- members of the media.

To ensure that the above noted persons are granted access to the building by the Sheriff's Officers, the Court asks that parties or their counsel please complete the attached "In-Person Appearance and COVID-19 Questionnaire" **at least 5 business days** in advance of your appearance. This will permit the Court to make the necessary arrangements. A copy of this Questionnaire will be distributed to the parties/counsel well in advance of the appearance date by the Court's registry staff.

Failure to complete the form by the required deadline may result in persons being inadvertently excluded from the proceeding.

As noted in the Guidelines for Re-Opening, the Court will continue to facilitate virtual attendance for persons who are not physically permitted in the courtroom. For more details on this process, please consult the Guidelines.

The Court will continue to post further updates and details regarding its operations. Please continue to check the Supreme Court website at www.court.nl.ca/supreme.

RAYMOND P. WHALEN
Chief Justice