

**COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA
COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA
PROVINCIAL COURT OF ALBERTA**

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

UPDATE: MASKING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IN COURTHOUSES

July 4, 2022

Effective July 4, 2022, masking, as with social distancing, is no longer mandatory in public areas, including courtrooms, or secure workplaces in Alberta courthouses. However, a presiding Judge or Master may direct either or both masking and social distancing in a particular courtroom where the circumstances so warrant.

While masking and social distancing are no longer mandatory, both are encouraged in all areas within Alberta courthouses.

Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 or experiencing core symptoms of COVID-19 not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition is not to attend a courthouse for a minimum of five days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. If you have a court appearance during this time, contact your lawyer or Legal Aid Alberta at 1-866-845-3425 for Duty Counsel assistance.

For traffic ticket matters, in-person attendance is limited to those with trial dates, on the date of the trial, and those wishing to submit a partial payment of a fine.

- a. Visit traffictickets.alberta.ca to:
- i. plead guilty and request time to pay;
 - ii. plead not guilty and request a trial date; or
 - iii. change a previous not guilty plea to guilty and request time to pay.



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