



**Provincial Court of Saskatchewan
Update for Court Users and the Public**

February 4, 2021

This update replaces our update of January 8, 2021, and is in effect until March 26, 2021. Our website will be updated from time to time as required.

Provincial Court is continuing operations during the pandemic guided by advice from the Chief Medical Health Officer (CMHO). The Court is committed to maintaining access to critical services while ensuring the safety of all those who work in court facilities and the public who attend. The CMHO has advised against unnecessary travel outside of home communities and has limited the size of gatherings.

All individuals attending a court facility must wear a mask.

Proceedings continue at our 13 permanent Court Houses. In order to reduce the size of gatherings, phone and video appearances will take the place of in-person attendance when possible.

However, in many cases trials and preliminary hearings may require people to appear in-person. In order to proceed to trial or preliminary hearing, counsel or unrepresented accused may be required to participate in a trial management hearing conducted by a judge, usually 7-14 days before the scheduled date. After hearing from the parties the Court will determine whether the matter can proceed safely on that date, in compliance with CMHO guidelines. If it cannot, another date will be scheduled.

Arrangements for telephone appearances can be made with the local court office. Circuit point dockets will proceed but will be conducted by phone from the permanent court location. Court phone numbers will be posted on the circuit point doors and on our website. In most instances Court parties will not travel to circuit points.

Chief Judge J.A. Plemel