



SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AND LEGAL PROFESSION

March 17, 2020

The Supreme Court of Yukon is closely monitoring the situation with COVID-19 in Yukon.

Chief Justice Veale met with court staff Monday morning to discuss practicing social distancing and taking the advice of Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam.

At the present time, in the Supreme Court of Yukon, currently scheduled cases will continue to be heard by telephone appearance only, conditional on court staff, lawyers and litigants being healthy. Judicial settlement conferences will be adjourned.

Counsel and their clients shall all attend by telephone. Counsel and self-represented litigants shall advise the Trial Coordinator if they are unable to proceed. Judges are available for case management conferences by telephone. Visitors will not be permitted in courtrooms. Accredited media may be permitted on a case-by-case basis.

In exceptional cases, if in-person hearings are requested and approved, social distancing must be maintained by those present. Please contact the Trial Coordinator.

There will be no jury trials set in March, April or May. All in-custody appearances will be by videoconference.

For urgent or emergency civil or family matters, lawyers may speak to the Trial Coordinator for a telephone case management conference with a judge to determine when and if the matter may proceed.

Court Staff will take all precautions to stay healthy, if possible, but the Court expects to be working with a minimal staff.

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