



Northwest Territories Courts

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COVID 19

Since March 2020, the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories has issued directives to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Over the last 2 years, the Court has continued hearing cases as much as possible and has adjusted its directives and practices, over time, to comply with public health orders and ensure everyone's safety.

As announced in the Directive issued March 28, 2022, the Court resumed all normal operations effective May 2, 2022. Among other things, this has meant a return to in-person appearances being the norm, except for Pre-Trial Conferences, which will continue to be held by teleconference until further notice.

Aside from each courtroom's capacity and subject to any Order made in a specific case, there are no restrictions on the number of persons who can access the courtrooms.

Finally, effective June 13, 2022, masking will no longer be mandatory in courtrooms and in the public areas of the courthouse.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

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