

# Supreme Court of British Columbia

Date	Update	Source
May 14, 2020	<p><b>COVID-19 Notice No. 21: Notice to the Profession, the Public and the Media Regarding Criminal Proceedings</b></p> <p>The Court continues to hear the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Criminal matters as set out in Parts I and II of COVID-19 Notice No.18 (urgent and essential criminal matters, fix-date appearances, pre-trial conferences, and summary conviction and traffic ticket appeals);</li><li>• COVID-19 Pre-Trial Conferences, as set out in COVID-19 Notice No.16; and</li><li>• Applications under s. 490 of the Criminal Code, as set out in COVID-19 Notice No. 3.</li></ul> <p>At this point, the Court expects to proceed with criminal trials, voir dres and pre-trial applications, and extradition hearings scheduled to begin on or after June 8, 2020. However, the situation will continue to be assessed, taking into account the many factors affecting the Court's capacity to hear these types of matters during the pandemic.</p> <p>All jury selections are canceled up to and including September 7, 2020 everywhere in the province.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.bccourts.ca/supreme_court/19_Notify_No.21_Resumption_of_Some_">https://www.bccourts.ca/supreme_court/19_Notify_No.21_Resumption_of_Some_</a></p>

<p>May 13, 2020</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Notice No. 20: Civil and Family Matters - Resumption of Trial Management Conferences and Trials</b></p> <p>The Court is now preparing to resume some regular operations as set out in its COVID19 Notice #19. During this transition, to allow the Court and parties time to prepare for the resumption of operations, the Court is extending the adjournment only for civil and family trials scheduled to begin between June 1 and June 5, 2020. While the Court is taking all steps necessary to prepare to hear trials scheduled on or after June 8, 2020, the Court cannot guarantee that matters will proceed as scheduled. The Court's ability to hear trials scheduled on or after June 8, 2020 will continue to be subject to developments that may occur during the current COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>In addition, civil jury trials are suspended up to and including September 7, 2020 pursuant to COVID-19 Notice #19. Since resumption of jury selections must precede resumption of jury trials, jury trials may be further delayed. For civil matters that have been set for trial by jury, a party on whom a notice requiring a jury trial has been served may bring an application pursuant to Rule 12-2(9)(b) of the Supreme Court Civil Rules at a TMC or judicial management conference ("JMC") for an order that the trial be heard by judge alone on any basis set out in Rule 12-6(5) of the Supreme Court Civil Rules, including convenience and proportionality, given the cancellation of jury selections and 2 jury trials up to and including September 7, 2020. To schedule a TMC for such an application the party must follow the steps set out in Part IV of this Notice and to schedule a JMC for such an application the party must follow the steps set out in Part V of this Notice.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.bccourts.ca/supreme_court/19_Notice_No.20_Resumption_of_TMCs_">https://www.bccourts.ca/supreme_court/19_Notice_No.20_Resumption_of_TMCs_</a></p>
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