



FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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UPDATED PUBLIC NOTICE (8) – COVID-19
AS AT 14 APRIL 2022**

This Public Notice replaces all previous notices issued by the Family Court of Western Australia in relation to COVID-19; and is to be read in conjunction with Public Notice – Covid-19 Court and Tribunal Worker (Restrictions on Access) Directions issued by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Australia on 31 January 2022.

The following directions in relation to the business of the Family Court of Western Australia are effective immediately, unless stated otherwise.

Attendance at the Court

While the Court remains open to the public, the Court recommends that only legal practitioners, parties, their support person (if applicable) and witnesses should attend court events. Other members of the public are requested not to attend.

Any person proposing to attend the Court who is unwell or has Covid-19 like symptoms must not enter the Court precincts.

All persons attending at the Court must comply with the requirements of Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA) Directions issued from time to time in relation to the wearing of face coverings (masks).

Court events in the Perth Registry and on circuit

The direction made on 3 February 2022 requiring **all** conferences and court hearings (except for CRP Lists and trials) to be conducted by telephone (or by MS Teams) **is revoked**.

If a judicial officer directs that any conference or hearing will be conducted by telephone:

- Parties and legal practitioners will be contacted by the Court on the telephone number recorded in the relevant party's notice of address for service.
- If a party or legal practitioner seeks to be contacted by the Court on a different telephone number, then they may request to do so by emailing the Court no later than 7 days prior to the court event at: family.court@justice.wa.gov.au and by providing the following information:
 - Their full name and Court file number.
 - The date and time of the hearing.
 - Their **direct** contact telephone number.

If a judicial officer directs that any conference or hearing will be conducted by MS Teams, the Court will provide written instructions to parties and legal practitioners prior to the court event.

Bookings to inspect subpoenaed documents

Legal practitioners and parties are still able to make a booking to inspect subpoenaed documents which cannot be viewed via the WA e-Courts Portal by contacting the Court's Subpoena Office on **(08) 9224 8304**.

Procedural advice

Legal practitioners and parties are still able to obtain procedural advice by contacting the Court's Call Centre on **(08) 9224 8222** any business day between 9am and 4pm (**Country Free call 1800 199 228**).

14 April 2022



Gail Sutherland

Chief Judge

Family Court of Western Australia