

Local Protocol Ontario Court of Justice

Lte. Col. Samuel S. Sharpe, D.S.O, M.P Courthouse
150 Bond Street East Oshawa, Ontario

EFFECTIVE MARCH 27, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the following measures are intended to further protect the health and safety of judicial officers, essential court staff and other justice sector participants and the public while we continue to provide critical judicial services to the public, particularly in-custody accused and families in crises.

- In-custody accused will no longer be appearing in person in courtrooms.
- Courtroom attendance will be limited to the judicial official and essential court staff with appropriate social distancing measures.
- Doors to the courthouse will be strictly monitored with only controlled entrance allowed for those attending for court-related purposes.
- Proposed sureties at this time will be allowed entry to the courtroom where the bail hearing is being held
- Defence counsel will not attend at the courthouse for court appearances nor in the Law Library. All access will be remote as they have been directed.
- Intake court will be conducted in courtroom 104 and access will be controlled with appropriate social distancing measures.
- enhanced cleaning of all operational courtrooms and the working area of judges/justices of the peace and staff on a daily basis.

The courthouse doors will be strictly monitored with only controlled entrance. Some of the public will be permitted into the courthouses in order to deal with certain Ontario Court of Justice Criminal matters, including the filing of documents. As a result the courthouses cannot be locked. However, we do agree that the courthouses can be locked at 4 p.m. ONLY if all courts are no longer presiding and if all counters are closed.

Dated: March 27, 2020



Local Administrative Justice John Adamson,

Ontario Court of Justice