



**REVISED NOTICE TO PUBLIC REGARDING FAMILY MATTERS
IN THE ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE
June 19, 2020**

As detailed in the COVID-19: Scheduling of Family Matters in the Ontario Court of Justice dated June 17, 2020, the Ministry of the Attorney General has established an incremental plan to prepare courthouses to facilitate the return to full court operations commencing July 6, 2020. However, the Stratford Court is not in the first Phase of this implementation and will **not** be returning to full operation on July 6, 2020.

All non-urgent family court matters in Stratford scheduled on or after **July 6, 2020** will be adjourned to a future date to be scheduled by the court, **UNLESS**:

- you request a **case conference** by contacting the trial coordinator or
- If all parties on a specific case are unrepresented, your matter will be spoken to by teleconference to determine next steps. You will be contacted by court staff with the date and time of your court appearance.
- Matters that have already been scheduled **after July 7, 2020** for a court appearance will continue to be heard.

Urgent child protection matters (such as place of safety hearings and temporary care hearings) and urgent domestic matters (such as restraining orders, refraining motions, urgent custody/access/support motions) will continue to be heard.

If you need to file documents for an URGENT matter, or a CASE CONFERENCE, you may fax them to 519-271-8080 or email them to: Stratford.courthouse@ontario.ca

A further notice will be posted once the Ontario Court of Justice in Stratford has been approved to expand our court operations.