

Are the Courts in Prince Edward Island Open?

Yes. The *Supreme Court and Court of Appeal* in Prince Edward Island are open. However, all non-urgent matters are being rescheduled. The Courts remain available to deal with urgent and emergency matters. If you have an urgent matter, please contact your lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, please call the Registrar at (902) 368-6669

I want to file a claim against someone or a business. Are limitation periods (or the rules around how long I have to file something) in PEI still in place during the COVID-19 public health emergency?

Yes. PEI does not have any legislation that allows limitation periods to be suspended. That means, if you have a claim that has a limitation period, the limitation period still applies even though there is a public health emergency. If you have questions please contact a lawyer. If you have no lawyer, questions may be directed to the Registrar at (902) 368-6669.

I have documents to file with the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court. How do I do that?

Documents may still be filed in person, but the Courts have issued a Practice Direction that allows and encourages people to file documents by email. The practice direction also updates some of the rules around filing documents by fax. Please visit www.courts.pe.ca for more information. During this time, the courts are asking everyone to file by email if possible or by fax.

I'm supposed to appear in the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court or I think I have an urgent matter for the Supreme Court. What should I do?

Please do not come to the Courthouse. If you have a lawyer, contact your lawyer to figure out if your current matter is urgent or to have your matter adjourned. Your lawyer can also help you figure out if your new matter is urgent and what steps you can take. If you do not have a lawyer please call the Court for further information at: (902) 368-6669.

I'm supposed to make a payment on a writ. What should I do?

Please do not come to the Courthouse. Please contact the Sheriff's Office at (902) 620-3573 to make arrangements with the Sheriff to pay your writ by online banking.

For more information about the payments of writs and fines during the public health emergency please click on the following links:

Link re Sheriff writs:

<https://www.courts.pe.ca/sites/www.courts.pe.ca/files/2020-03/NOTICE%20RE%20SHERIFF%20SERVICES%20WRIT%20PROCESS.pdf>

Link re Fines:

<https://www.courts.pe.ca/provincial-court/pay-a-fine-and-restitution>

For additional information, please consults the Courts' website at <https://www.courts.pe.ca/>