



**Notice to the profession, the public and the media  
regarding mask wearing in court facilities**

**Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and Provincial Court**

**July 13, 2021**

This notice is a follow-up to our November 24, 2020 notification regarding wearing non-medical masks.

Effective July 9, 2021, by order of the Chief Public Health Officer, non-medical masks are no longer required in indoor public spaces. However, the Chief Public Health Officer recommends continued mask use for those who interact with the public, and where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

We are mindful that courthouses are public spaces and that individuals are often compelled to attend court. For the protection of the public and staff, the courts will continue to follow the recommendations of the Chief Public Health Officer.

**Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island**

In the Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island, masks will continue to be required by everyone while moving about in public areas, and when staff is interacting with the public.

Once individuals are seated in the courtroom, the requirement to wear a mask will remain in the discretion of the presiding judge.

**Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island**

In the Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island, staff will continue to wear masks while moving about in public areas, and when interacting with the public. Members of the public are strongly recommended to wear a mask, although it will not be a requirement.

Once again, we thank you for your continued cooperation and compliance with court protocols that have been required by this ongoing pandemic.

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Chief Justice David H. Jenkins  
Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal

Handwritten signature of Jeffrey E. Lantz in blue ink.

Chief Judge Jeffrey E. Lantz  
Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island

Handwritten signature of Tracey L. Clements in blue ink.

Chief Justice Tracey L. Clements  
Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island