

COVID-19: SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS IN THE SUPREME COURT EXTENDED UNTIL JAN. 31, 2022

Friday, Jan. 14, 2022

Due to high COVID-19 case numbers in Nova Scotia and the ongoing situation with the Omicron variant, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia has extended the suspension of all jury trials in the province until Jan. 31, 2022.

Affected jury trials are in the process of being rescheduled to the earliest dates available.

Members of the public who have received a jury summons requiring them to come to court for jury duty in January will be deferred to a later date.

Information regarding jury selections can be obtained by calling the contact numbers provided in the jury summons. In the Halifax Regional Municipality, information regarding jury selections is available by calling the Juror Information Line at 902-424-6400. Potential jurors can follow the directions on the voicemail for the appropriate information for their jury panel.

As per the <u>Jan. 10, 2022 Notice</u>, the Supreme Court is continuing to operate under a modified essential services model. That directive remains in effect until Jan. 21, 2022.

These are temporary measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Nova Scotia. They will be regularly evaluated, and new directives will be issued as the situation with the pandemic evolves.

For more information on the various Supreme Court COVID-19 directives, please visit https://www.courts.ns.ca/News_of_Courts/COVID19_Preventative_Measures.htm.

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