



Children's Court of Western Australia

Public Notice and Practice Direction 4 of 2021

COVID-19 LOCKDOWN MEASURES: ADJOURNMENT OF MATTERS LISTED IN PERTH CHILDREN'S COURT BETWEEN 29 JUNE 2021 AND 2 JULY 2021 INCLUSIVE

This Public Notice and Practice Direction is authorised under s 37 of the *Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988* (WA) and applies from 29 June 2021 for the duration of the State Government COVID-19 Lockdown. Practice Direction 3 of 2021 is suspended for the duration of the lockdown period.

IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT COVID-19 LOCKDOWN THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

YOU MUST NOT APPEAR IN PERSON IN COURT DURING THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD.

Existing matters listed in Perth Children's Courts

1. All matters currently listed in all jurisdictions of the Perth Children's Court between 29 June and 2 July 2021 inclusive, except where an accused or offender is in custody, are vacated and adjourned from their listed date for two weeks according to the table below:

Current listing date	New listing date
29 June 2021	13 July 2021
30 June 2021	14 July 2021
1 July 2021	15 July 2021
2 July 2021	16 July 2021

2. Offenders and accused in custody remain listed on their current date and their matters will be heard by video link from Perth Children's Court to the custodial centre. Remands will continue in custody unless bail is granted.
3. Bail is extended for all accused and offenders who are on bail to the new listed date. Accused who have police reporting conditions do not have to report in person and should telephone the reporting police station instead.
4. Responsible adult and surety undertakings are extended to the new listed date.
5. Parties, accused, offenders, responsible adults and legal practitioners must not attend the court in person during the adjournment period unless authorised in advance by a judicial officer or the court registry.
6. Urgent applications in adjourned matters, including bail variations, must be lodged by email to childrenscourt@justice.wa.gov.au or by telephone for those without email access. Parties will be notified of a date for hearing of the application. Hearings will be conducted by video link or telephone from the Perth Children's Court.
7. This direction does not apply to regional Children's Courts. People listed to appear in those courts should follow the directions of the local court.
8. If the lockdown period is extended and it is necessary to adjourn matters again another Practice Direction will issue.

New matters in Perth Children's Court which do not have a current listing date

9. New criminal and protection and care matters (including warrant applications) will continue to be listed in the usual way, but all documents and applications must be lodged by email to childrenscourt@justice.wa.gov.au or by telephone for those without

email access. Parties will be notified of a date for hearing of the application. Hearings will be conducted by video link or telephone from the Perth Children's Court. Matters which are not urgent will be given a first mention date after 5 July 2021.

10. Urgent matters will continue to be heard. Legal practitioners and agency representatives must appear by video link or telephone and provide contact details to the registry.
11. Where police bail is refused after arrest, the young person will be taken to Banksia Hill Detention Centre to appear by video link for consideration of bail.
12. Fresh applications for restraining orders should be lodged by email using the online form or by telephone application for those without email access. Hearings will be conducted by video link or telephone.

Entry to the Perth Children's Court

13. During the lockdown period no-one will be permitted entry to the Perth Children's Court building unless they are essential court or support agency staff who work in the building, media representatives or are authorised by a security officer to enter the building.



Judge Hylton Quail

President of the Children's Court of Western Australia

29 June 2021