



FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### PUBLIC NOTICE 2 of 2021 – COVID-19

3 FEBRUARY 2021

The following directions apply in relation to the business of the Family Court of Western Australia **for the week beginning Monday 8 February 2021 only.**

#### **Hearings**

1. All duty lists, procedural hearings, divorce hearings, interim hearings and conferences held in the Perth Registry remain listed and will proceed on the following basis:
  - a. Hearings will proceed by telephone only.
  - b. Conferences will proceed by telephone and/or by audio-visual link-up only.
2. All matters in the Geraldton Circuit remain listed and will proceed on the following basis:
  - a. The Magistrate and the Family Consultant will not travel to Geraldton and will instead conduct the circuit from the Perth Registry.
  - b. Hearings will proceed by telephone only.
  - c. Conferences will proceed by telephone and/or by audio-visual link-up only.
3. In relation to defended trials, parties / counsel will be contacted by the Court as soon as practicable in relation to the listing and hearing arrangements.
4. Parties / counsel must email the Court no later than 2 business days prior to the hearing at: [family.court@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:family.court@justice.wa.gov.au) and provide the following information:
  - a. Their full name and Court file number;
  - b. The date and time of the hearing or conference;
  - c. Their contact telephone number.

#### **Attendance at the Court Building**

5. Parties, lawyers and other members of the public must not attend the Court in person, save and except with the prior approval of the Chief Judge.

**Registry / Court Services**

6. All front counter services, including the drop box, the public use computer kiosk and the subpoena office will continue to be closed for the week. Documents can continue to be lodged for filing electronically via the Commonwealth Courts Portal or by post.
7. These directions may be subject to further change at short notice, to comply with any further Directions issued from time to time by the Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator under the Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA). Parties and lawyers are strongly advised to continue to monitor the Court's website for further information and updates.

**Gail Sutherland****Chief Judge****Family Court of Western Australia**