

COVID-19 Updates

Court Closures:

Provincial Court of Alberta: At this time, out of custody court matters are being automatically adjourned unless defence counsel, Crown counsel, and the Courts agree that a matter is 'urgent'. If you are out of custody and have a court matter booked before May 25, 2020, your trial, resolution, or docket appearance is being adjourned 10 weeks to the day. The Court is aiming to be back in session on May 25, 2020, with in person appearances resuming as usual. **This is the first planned date for return and is subject to change.**

If you have any questions about your court date, please do not hesitate to contact our office. For more information, please visit the Alberta Courts – Provincial Court webpage by clicking [here](#).

Court of Queen's Bench: At this time all out of custody matters, except for urgent matters, scheduled between now and May 31, 2020 are adjourned. Further updates will be forthcoming for appearances scheduled in June.

If you have any questions about your court date, please do not hesitate to contact our office. For more information, please visit the Alberta Courts – Court of Queen's Bench webpage by clicking [here](#).

Administrative Licence Suspensions

If you have been issued a Notice of Suspension, the usual 30 day Appeal period has been extended. If you have received a suspension between March 17, 2020 and June 15, 2020, the appeal period has been extended – **you have until July 15, 2020 to file your Notice of Appeal.**

If you have any questions about your Notice of Suspension, or questions on your likelihood of success on appeal, contact us today for more information.

Ignition Interlock Program

Once convicted of impaired driving, you will be required to enrol in the ignition interlock program. To be eligible for the ignition interlock program, you are required to complete the **Planning Ahead** or **Impact** course, prior to enrolling in the program.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this requirement can be deferred. Therefore, if you are trying to enrol in the ignition interlock program, please contact AMA to register for the required course and obtain a deferral letter. This letter can be sent in with your ignition interlock program application to obtain the deferral. You will then be able to carry on with the ignition interlock application process.