



Children's Court of New South Wales

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC No. 9

27 June 2021

In view of the further government announcements in relation to the current COVID-19 outbreak within New South Wales further changes to the sitting arrangements in the Children's Court will commence from Monday 28 June 2021. These arrangements will apply while the [Public Health \(COVID-19\) Temporary Movement and Gathering Restrictions\) Order 2021](#) is in force.

Part 1 - Listing arrangements for the Children's Courts in Greater Sydney, the Central Coast and the Illawarra

1. Part 1 applies to the following courts:

Campbelltown	Sutherland
Parramatta	Woy Woy
Port Kembla	Wyong
Surry Hills	

2. All hearings listed between 28 June 2021 and 9 July 2021 are vacated unless the case can be dealt with by audio visual link (AVL).
3. Vacated hearings will remain listed by AVL on the first date of hearing for further directions.
4. Crime, parole and care and protection lists will continue to be conducted.
5. All parties are excused from attending court if legally represented.
6. Legal practitioners may appear by AVL.
7. All first appearance bail applications are to be dealt with by AVL.
8. In relation to care and protection proceedings legal practitioners should attempt to agree on a position consistent with the arrangements put in place under [COVID-19 Public Notice No. 3](#).

Part 2 – Listing arrangements for circuit courts where the judicial officer is based in Greater Sydney, the Central Coast or the Illawarra

9. Part 2 applies to the following courts:

Bateman's Bay	Muswellbrook
Bathurst	Nowra
Cessnock	Orange
Dubbo	Port Macquarie
East Maitland	Taree
Kempsey	

10. Travel for judicial officers based in Greater Sydney, the Central Coast and the Illawarra is suspended.
11. All hearings listed between 28 June 2021 and 9 July 2021 are vacated unless the case can be dealt with by audio visual link (AVL).
12. Vacated hearings will remain listed on the first date of hearing for further directions.
13. Crime, education and care and protection lists will continue to be conducted at these courts. However, the relevant judicial officer will appear from their home court.
14. With the exception of hearings and sentence matters parties are excused from attending in person if legally represented.
15. In relation to care and protection proceedings legal practitioners should attempt to agree on a position consistent with the arrangements put in place under [COVID-19 Public Notice No. 3](#).

Part 3 – Listing arrangements for Broadmeadow Children's Court

16. Crime, education and care and protection lists will continue to be conducted at Broadmeadow Children's Court. However, on 28 June 2021 the judicial officer will appear by AVL from Parramatta Children's Court.
17. All hearings listed between 28 June 2021 and 9 July 2021 should be reviewed urgently by legal practitioners and prosecutors to ascertain

whether the hearing can proceed having regard to the current health advice. Applications to vacate hearings should be sent to the registrar as soon as possible.

Part 4 – Northern Rivers Children’s Court circuit

18. Lists and hearings will continue to be conducted consistent with current arrangements having regard to the availability of any court participant who may be subject to a stay-at-home order.

Part 5 – Special fixtures

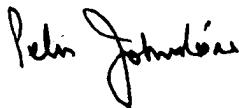
19. The special fixture listed at the Children’s Court at Young on the 7 July 2021 is vacated.

Part 6 – Dispute resolution conferences

20. All Dispute Resolution Conferences will be conducted by video conference across NSW unless otherwise determined by the Senior Children’s Registrar.

General

21. Prosecutors and legal practitioners are to advise any party or witness that the requirement to wear a face covering in any indoor setting across NSW applies to an in-person attendance at a Children’s Court.
22. Please note that arrangements are subject to change at short notice.



Judge Peter Johnstone

President of the Children’s Court of NSW