



Children's Court of New South Wales

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC No. 5

15 June 2020

In view of the further announcements by government in relation to relaxation of restrictions, particularly in relation to the resumption of travel within New South Wales, it is appropriate to review the strategies that have been put in place for the Children's Court during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Changes to Children's Court circuit arrangements

1. Travel for judicial officers is no longer suspended.
2. Judicial officers will resume travel on the Northern Rivers Children's Court circuit and the mid-North Coast Children's Court circuit from June 2020.
3. Judicial officers will resume travel for the Illawarra, Hunter, Broadmeadow and the Central Coast Children's Court circuits from 6 July 2020.
4. Current arrangements for the Riverina and Western Children's Courts circuits will continue to apply. Further advice in relation to travel on those circuits will be provided at a later date.

Changes to listing arrangements for first appearance bail proceedings

5. First appearance bail proceedings will no longer be conducted in hub locations from Monday 22 June 2020.
6. The centralised listing arrangements for the COVID-19 pandemic period as published on the Children's Court website are revoked from 22 June 2020.
7. Any first appearance bail proceeding listed on and from 22 June is to be listed in accordance with the arrangements that were in place prior to the release of Public Notice in Response to COVID-19 pandemic no. 2.

Changes to listing arrangements for urgent care applications

8. Applications for emergency care and protection orders and care applications where a child has been removed or care assumed will no longer be conducted in hub locations from 6 July 2020.

9. The centralised listing arrangements for the COVID-19 pandemic period as published on the Children's Court website are revoked from Monday 6 July 2020.
10. Any application that is listed on or after 6 July 2020 is to be listed in accordance with the listing arrangements in place prior to the release of Public Notice in response to COVID-19 pandemic no. 2.

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11. All other arrangements specified in earlier Public Notices issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to operate.

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Judge Peter Johnstone

President of the Children's Court of NSW