



Ontario

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC REGARDING *PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT* MATTERS

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**All in-person *Provincial Offences Act* matters (e.g., traffic tickets and offences under provincial legislation) scheduled until January 22, 2021 will be rescheduled. Do not attend court.**

All in-person *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) matters scheduled from Monday, March 16, 2020 through to and including Friday, January 22, 2021 will be adjourned and rescheduled to a later date. If you have a matter scheduled in-person during this time, **do not attend court**. This applies to all POA courts in Ontario. All court locations will continue to hear matters remotely.

A notice of your new court date will be sent to you by mail to the address on file with the court. For more information, please contact your local Provincial Offences court.

Contact information for all municipal courts is available here:

[https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/courts/Court\\_Addresses/poa/](https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/courts/Court_Addresses/poa/)

Updated information about court proceedings at the Ontario Court of Justice can be found on the Court's website at <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/>.

On September 10, 2020 the Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice made an order pursuant to s. 85 of the *Provincial Offences Act* extending most timelines under the Act until December 1, 2020. A copy of this order is available here:

<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/files/POAs85OrderSeptember10.pdf?id=5f5b636e7018f>

If you received an Offence Notice (ticket) after March 1, 2020, you have until December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to exercise one of the options set out on the back of the Notice. If you do not respond by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 you may be deemed not to dispute the charge and a justice may enter a conviction for the offence.

Please refer to the Order for a list of all steps in a proceeding that are impacted by the extension of time.