



NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE **UPDATED EMERGENCY DIRECTIONS** **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

APRIL 2, 2020

1. These updated directions in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic are in addition to the Supreme Court of Judicature Practice Directions COVID-19 Emergency Directions Gazetted on 23rd March, 2020.
2. **The following measures outlined herein will take immediate effect.**

HEARINGS

All ‘in person’ hearings are suspended until further notice.

SUPREME COURT REGISTRIES

Operation of the Supreme Registries, Court Offices and Departments during the period April 6 – 24, 2020

3. The court registries, offices and departments will be open to the public on the following days from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm.
 - a. April 7 and 9, 2020,
 - b. April 14 and 16, 2020
 - c. April 20 and 24, 2020.

4. Filing of urgent matters, or pleadings for the Court of Appeal and High Courts as directed by the court, must be done by email in accordance with paragraphs 30 – 33 of the Emergency Practice Directions to the following email addresses.

- a. **Judicial Registry, High Court, Georgetown** – supremecourtguyana@gmail.com
- b. **Sub-Registry, New Amsterdam High Court** - subregistryberbice@gmail.com
- c. **Sub-Registry, Suddie, Essequibo** – subregessequibo@gmail.com
- d. **Family Court Registry, High Court, Georgetown** – registryfamilycourt@gmail.com
- e. **Land Court, High Court, Georgetown** - landcourtgy@yahoo.com
- f. **Probate Registry, High Court, Georgetown** – probateregistrygy@gmail.com

5. In consonance with Part 7:02 of the Civil Procedure Rules, 2016, all Fixed Date Applications must be served by the applicants.

MAGISTRATES’ COURTS

Operation of the Magistrates’ Courts Offices during the period April 6 – 24, 2020

Magistrates will be holding court and magistrates’ courts offices will be open to the public on the following days from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm.

DISTRICT	DAYS	Telephone #
Georgetown Magisterial District GMC	Mondays & Thursdays	225-9110
Diamond/Golden Grove	Mondays & Wednesdays	216-0483
Berbice Magisterial District New Amsterdam	Tuesdays & Thursdays	333-2834
Corentyne Magisterial District Whim	Mondays & Thursdays	337-2679 337-2648
West Berbice Magisterial District		232-0600

Fort Wellington	Mondays & Wednesdays	232-0512
East Demerara Magisterial District Vigilance	Mondays & Fridays	274-0690
West Demerara Magisterial District Vreed-en-hoop	Mondays & Thursdays	264-2359
Upper Demerara River Magisterial District Linden	Mondays & Fridays	442-1402
Essequibo Magisterial District Suddie	Mondays & Fridays	774-4312 774-4373
Rupununi Magisterial District Lethem	Mondays & Thursdays	772-2334

Filing of all urgent court matters must be on the dates the court offices will be open. In the event that urgent matters need to be filed on the days when the court offices are not open, contact can be made with the clerks of court for the particular magisterial districts. Notices with contact information are posted at each court office.

GENERAL

6. Mediation sessions are suspended until further notice.
7. Supervised visits at the Child Friendly Room of the High Court, Demerara, are hereby suspended until further notice. During this period, access visits may be arranged by counsel and/or the parties utilising the telephone or electronic means such as whatsapp, zoom, facetime and skype.

REVIEW AND CONTACT INFORMATION

8. Periodic review and assessment of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic will continue and where necessary, these Directions will be altered.
9. For clarifications, queries or additional information on sittings of the courts contact can be made with the Registrar/Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, the Chief Magistrate, or the Principal Clerk of Court on telephone numbers:

- **High Court, Demerara - 226-7947**
- **Chief Magistrate - 624-8910**

- Registrar of the Supreme Court - 227-1223
- Secretary to the Registrar of the Supreme Court - 226-8487
- Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court – 225-7771
- Principal Clerk of Court – 616-0231

Or by sending an email to:

- ❖ Registrar of the Supreme Court - regsupt@gmail.com
- ❖ Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court deputyregsuptgy@gmail.com
- ❖ Supreme Court COVID 19 Response Team - teamsupremecovid19response@gmail.com
- ❖ Chief Justice’s Chambers - victorialawcourts@gmail.com
- ❖ Court of Appeal - courtofappealguyana@yahoo.com

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Dated this 3rd day of April, 2020