



No. 011  
Vancouver Registry

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**RELATING TO THE COURT'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**ORDER**

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE  
CHIEF JUSTICE HINKSON

)  
) Thursday, the 4th day  
) of August, 2022  
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ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION:

WHEREAS

1. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on April 22, 2020, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General made Ministerial Order No. M121 which authorizes me and the Associate Chief Justice to, *inter alia*, make orders that a specified rule does not apply in relation to a class of applications and respecting the manner in which a class of applications is to be conducted;
2. On July 10, 2020, the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, S.B.C. 2020, c. 8 came into force and Ministerial Order No. M121 was enacted as a provision of that Act;
3. On April 11, 2022, to facilitate the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every proceeding on its merits while protecting the health and safety of Court users, I made COVID-19 Order 009, which continued the hearing of regular civil and family chambers matters by video; and
4. Effective August 15, 2022, the Court will return to in-person hearings as the default manner of proceeding for regular civil and family chambers matters.

THIS COURT ORDERS THAT, effective August 15, 2022:

1. The Court's COVID-19 Order 009 is revoked.
2. For applications made under Rule 8-1 of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 10-6 of the *Supreme Court Family Rules*, if the Court has ordered or directed that the matter be heard remotely or the matter is part of the Masters Chambers Pilot, the following Rules are disappplied:

- a. Rule 8-1(15)(d)(ii) of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 10-6(14)(d)(ii) of the *Supreme Court Family Rules*. An application record may include copies of authorities; and
  - b. Rule 8-1(19) and (20) of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 10-6(17) and (18) of the *Supreme Court Family Rules*. Applicants may contact the registry regarding retrieval of application records.
3. If the Court orders or directs that a chambers matter is to be heard remotely, and the Court requires the applicant to provide an electronic copy of the application record, or the matter is part of the Masters Chambers Pilot, the requirement in Rule 8-1(15) of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 10-6(14) of the *Supreme Court Family Rules* that the applicant provide a printed application record to the registry does not apply.
4. This order will remain in effect until further order by me or the Associate Chief Justice.



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Chief Justice Christopher E. Hinkson

Supreme Court of British Columbia