

Entry to Children's Court of Victoria: COVID-19

Court Security Act 1980

Social distancing measures are the most effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect;

1. the safety of all persons who work at or attend the court premises; and
2. the good order or management of legal proceedings or other business conducted at the court premises

Only the following people are permitted to attend the Children's Court in person:

1. A person who is a party to a proceeding and who is directed by the Court to attend;
2. If a person is directed by the court to attend, they may bring one support person;
3. A person who requires immediate face to face services of the registry;
4. A person who is a representative of the media; or
5. A person who is admitted by direction of a registrar or a judicial officer of the Court.

No other person may attend the Children's Court in person.

In accordance with s 3(2A) of the *Court Security Act 1980* authorized officers will direct persons to leave court premises when they do not need to be there. This is in order to maintain the security, good order and management of Court premises in the interests of all court users.

If you are asked to leave and feel unsafe doing so please let authorized officers know and alternative arrangements will be considered.

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