Entry to Children's Court: COVID-19

**Court Security Act 1980**

In order to promotethe safety of all persons who work at or attend the court premises and

the good order or management of legal proceedings or other business conducted at the court premises, only the following people are permitted to physically attend the Children’s Court:

Anyone who is:

* + in immediate need of the face to face services of the registry;
  + admitted by direction of a registrar or a judicial officer of the Court;
  + a party to a proceeding;
  + a legal representative of a party to a proceeding;
  + a support person for a party to a proceeding (one support person per party); or
  + a representative of the media.

**No other person may attend the Children’s Court in person.**

No person may attend the Children’s Court if they:

* have been diagnosed with Covid-19
* have any symptoms of Covid-19
* are a close contact of a person with Covid-19
* are required to be in isolation or quarantine
* have been asked to take a Covid-19 test and have not received a negative result

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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