

# Magistrates Court of the ACT

Court Operations: Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions Pathway

	<b>From 15 Oct 2021</b>
<b>Attending court</b>	<b>These arrangements will be reviewed mid-late November</b>
Criminal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- In person for all sentences or hearings</li><li>- Remote appearances for all other matters</li><li>- If legally represented, appear on the papers by agreeing the next steps, dates and directions or entering a plea</li></ul>
Civil	<p>In person for all hearings unless leave granted to appear remotely</p> <p>Remote appearances for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Registrar's directions lists and listing hearings</li><li>- applications in proceedings</li><li>- enforcement list</li><li>- Children's Court conferencing</li><li>- return of subpoena list</li><li>- Fair work conferencing and mediations</li><li>- Taxation</li><li>- Dispute resolution conferences</li></ul>
Protection Unit	<p>In person for all hearings unless leave granted to appear remotely</p> <p>Remote appearances for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Interim family violence/personal/workplace protection applications</li><li>- applications in proceedings</li><li>- Protection unit pre-hearing mention</li><li>- Family violence and protection order conferences</li></ul>

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	From 15 Oct 2021	From 1 Nov 2021	1 Dec 2021
<b>Access to court precinct</b>			
Physical access	As per s50 Order: Restricted to parties, legal representatives & other specified persons	As per s50 Order: Restricted to parties, legal representatives & other specified persons	As per s50 Order: Restricted to parties, legal representatives & other specified persons
Face masks	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Check ins	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
<b>Filing documents</b>			
E-Lodgement via portal	Must be used where applicable	Must be used where applicable	Must be used where applicable
Post boxes	Open	Closed	Not available
Email filing	Available	Criminal matters - available	Not available
		Civil matters – by leave only	
<b>Return of documents</b>			
Filed via email	Returned via email	Not available	Not available
Filed via post	Returned by post	Returned via collection / local agent for interstate parties	Returned via collection / local agent for interstate parties
Filed via post-box	Return by post	Return via Collection Boxes/post/local agent	Not available
<b>Handing yourself in</b>			
	Go to the local police station	Via counter	Via counter
<b>Paying fees</b>			
	Electronically only	Electronically or via counter	Electronically or via counter
<b>Library</b>			
	Closed for in person use	Open	Open
<b>Sheriff's roadwork</b>			
Enforcement action	On hold	Resumed	Resumed
<b>Justice of the peace services</b>			
	Closed	Closed	Arrangements to be reviewed closer to 1 December 2021

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