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**NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION IN CENTRAL SOUTH REGION  
REGARDING FAMILY AND CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS**  
(NOTE: This replaces NOTICE TO PROFESSION dated March 17, 2020)

From: Harrison S. Arrell  
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Central South Region

Date: March 18, 2020

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**FAMILY MATTERS:**

- All family matters set for short motions, long motions, conferences, or trials, in **March, 2020**, are adjourned to be spoken to on **June 9, 2020 at 10:00 am TBST**; New dates will be set at that time;
- All family matters set for short motions, long motions, conferences, or trials, in **April, 2020**, are adjourned to be spoken to on **June 10, 2020 at 10:00 am TBST**; New dates will be set at that time;
- All family matters set for short motions, long motions, conferences, or trials, in **May, 2020**, are adjourned to be spoken to on **June 11, 2020 at 10:00 am TBST**; New dates will be set at that time;
- All family matters with a judicial telephone call currently scheduled between now and June 1, 2020 will go ahead as planned.

**CHILD PROTECTION:**

- **The Court will be available to address urgent matters related to the safety of any child.**

- All child protection matters set for short motions, long motions, temporary care hearings, settlement conferences, trial management conferences currently scheduled to take place in **March, 2020**, are adjourned to be spoken to on **June 2, 2020 at 10:00 am TBST**; New dates will be set at that time.

- All child protection matters set for short motions, long motions, temporary care hearings, settlement conferences, trial management conferences currently scheduled to take place in **April, 2020**, are adjourned to be spoken to on **June 3, 2020 at 10:00 am**; New dates will be set at that time.

- All child protection matters set for short motions, long motions, temporary care hearings, settlement conferences, trial management conferences currently scheduled to take place in **May, 2020**, are adjourned to be spoken to on **June 4, 2020 at 10:00 am**;

- All TBST appearances (CAS “lists”), and first returns of status review applications (where the child’s current placement **IS NOT sought to be changed** by any party), currently scheduled in court on or before April 9, 2020, are adjourned to **April 15, 2020 at 10:00 am**, with the **Existing Order to Continue**.

- Endorsements setting out same will be prepared by the Court and forwarded to the applicable local Children’s Aid Society and counsel; if a party does not have counsel, the CAS is requested to provide the Endorsement to those parties.

- All **5-day** hearings after the removal of a child, and first returns of status review applications (where the placement of a child **IS sought to be changed** by any party), **shall be treated as urgent matters** in accordance with the Notice to the Profession. (<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/covid-19-suspension-fam/>).

- Materials shall be filed electronically at the following addresses:

- Brantford BrantfS@ontario.ca
- Cayuga [Cayuga.Superior.Court@ontario.ca](mailto:Cayuga.Superior.Court@ontario.ca)
- Hamilton Hamilton.Superior.Court@ontario.ca
- Hamilton Family Court Hamilton.Family.Superior.Court@ontario.ca
- Kitchener/Waterloo Kitchener.Superior.Court@ontario.ca

- Simcoe Simcoe.Superior.Court@ontario.ca
- St. Catharines St.Catharines.Superior.Court@ontario.ca
- Welland Welland.Superior.Court@ontario.ca

○ Your matter will be assigned to a Judge and a hearing by teleconference will be arranged by the Trial Coordinator.

- **Any other child protection matter (including an application that does not request bringing a child to a place of safety)**, may be brought to court in the same manner as 5-day hearings as set out above, where a party regards that matter as urgent. Your matter will be reviewed by the Triage Judge. If determined to be urgent, a judge will be assigned and a hearing by teleconference will be arranged by the Trial Coordinator.



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