

Hearing arrangements for 8 January 2024 until the audio visual issue is resolved

Quick reference guide

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| | Default position is to appear in person |
| | Default position is to appear online |

Intervention Order matters

| Family Violence Intervention Orders | | | |
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| PROCEEDING TYPE | Affected Family Members | Respondents | Practitioners and services |
| Mentions | In-person or by telephone. Where police are applying on your behalf, contact police. Otherwise, contact the relevant court to discuss how you can take part safely. | In-person. | In-person. Bring a personal device that can facilitate participation in Webex hearings, if required. |
| Directions hearings | In-person or by telephone. Where police are applying on your behalf, contact police. Otherwise, contact the relevant court to discuss how you can take part safely. | In-person. | In-person. Bring a personal device that can facilitate participation in Webex hearings, if required. |
| Contested hearings | Contact the relevant court to discuss how to appear at the hearing safely. | In-person. | In-person. Bring a personal device that can facilitate participation in Webex hearings, if required. |

| Personal Safety Intervention Orders | | | |
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| PROCEEDING TYPE | Protected Persons | Respondents | Practitioners and services |
| Mentions | In-person or by telephone. Where police are applying on your behalf, contact police. Otherwise, contact the relevant court to discuss how you can take part safely. | In-person. | In-person. Bring a personal device that can facilitate participation in Webex hearings, if required. |
| Directions hearings | In-person or by telephone. Where police are applying on your behalf, contact police. Otherwise, contact the relevant court to discuss how you can take part safely. | In-person. | In-person. Bring a personal device that can facilitate participation in Webex hearings, if required. |
| Contested hearings | In-person. Contact the relevant court to discuss how to appear at the hearing safely. | In-person. | In-person. Bring a personal device that can facilitate participation in Webex hearings, if required. |

Criminal matters

| PROCEEDING TYPE | Court users and observers | Practitioners and services |
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| First remand hearings, contested hearings, committals, specialist court listings (i.e., Drug Court, Assessment and Referral Court, Koori Court) and any other hearing where an accused is in Victoria Police custody. | <p>In-person.</p> <p>Informants and witnesses (except protected witnesses) must be in-person.</p> <p>Protected witnesses must contact the relevant prosecuting agency to discuss arrangements for their appearance.</p> | <p>In-person.</p> <p>Police prosecutors, practitioners and service providers must appear in-person.</p> |
| Accused on bail or summons | | |
| All other criminal hearing types where the accused is on bail or summons (including mentions, committal mentions, contest mentions and pleas). | <p>In-person.</p> <p>Informants and witnesses must be in person.</p> | <p>In-person.</p> <p>Police prosecutors, practitioners and service providers must appear in-person.</p> |
| Accused in custody of Corrections Victoria | | |
| All other criminal hearing types where the accused is in custody of Corrections Victoria (including mentions, committal mentions, contest mentions and pleas). | <p>Online.</p> <p>Hearing links can be accessed here within 48 hours of the hearing.</p> <p>Exception: If, by direction of the Court, an accused has been transported to the Court, all court users must appear in-person.</p> | <p>Police prosecutors and duty lawyers must appear in-person. Bring a personal device that can facilitate participation in Webex hearings, if required.</p> <p>All other legal practitioners and professional services must appear online.</p> <p>Exception: If, by direction of the Court, an accused has been transported to the Court, all practitioners and services must appear in-person.</p> |

Judicial Registrar lists

| PROCEEDING TYPE | Court users and observers | Practitioners and services |
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| Non-police agency prosecutions | Online. Link for the hearing can be accessed here within 48 hours of the hearing. | Online. Link for the hearing can be accessed here within 48 hours of the hearing. |
| Police prosecutions | To be heard in accordance with the criminal hearing arrangements above. | To be heard in accordance with the criminal hearing arrangements above. |
| Contested hearings | In-person. | In-person. |

Civil matters

| PROCEEDING TYPE | Court users and observers | Practitioners and services |
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| Applications, directions hearings, pre-hearing conferences, early neutral evaluations and judicial resolution conferences | Online unless otherwise directed by the Court. | Online unless otherwise directed by the Court. |
| Final hearings involving a self-represented party | In-person. | In-person. |
| All other final hearings | Online or in-person as directed by the Court. | Online or in-person as directed by the Court. |
| Summons for oral examination | In-person. | In-person. |
| WorkCover and industrial matters | | |
| Urgent applications, directions hearings, early neutral evaluations, pre-hearings and mentions | Online unless otherwise directed by the Court. | Online unless otherwise directed by the Court. |
| Final hearing call overs | Online or in-person as directed by the Court. | Online or in-person as directed by the Court. |
| Federal jurisdiction matters | | |
| All federal jurisdiction matters | Online unless otherwise directed by the Court. | Online unless otherwise directed by the Court. |