

To: All Members of the Department of Justice

Re: COVID-19

Colleagues,

It is clear that over the coming days and weeks the COVID-19 situation will present each of us with challenges and uncertainty. In terms of relevant and current information, I encourage you to reference the Clerk's blog and the links in that blog

<https://mbgps.intranet.mbgov.ca/covid-19-virus-considerations-for-public-servants/>.

There has been a great deal of planning done by the provincial government and the department to be ready for a challenge such as this. Each division and branch of Justice has a solid and current "continuity plan". However, that is not to say that new questions won't arise. Our executive team is conferencing daily to work through issues and questions as they arise and to ensure that we are all on the same page. A number of our colleagues are dedicated to working on logistics and solutions as things evolve. Everyone's health and safety is a top priority as we go through this situation.

There will be lots of questions about what comes next and how we will handle aspects of our work. Please share your questions, concerns and suggestions with your manager. If we don't have an immediate answer to a question, we will work to get you an answer as quickly as possible. As always, suggestions are deeply appreciated.

Finally, please take the steps available to stay safe and healthy. Please support your colleagues to do so as well. The next days and weeks will undoubtedly be challenging but we will get through them.

Thank you again for the critically important work you do every day.

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