

# Entry to Children's Court: COVID-19

## Court Security Act 1980

This Notice applies to the Broadmeadows, Moorabbin and Melbourne Children's Courts.

In order to promote the 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:

1. 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 or two support persons per party); or
- a representative of the media.

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

2. All persons who enter the Court must:

- Wear a mask unless they have a valid exemption; and
- Not remove their mask unless permitted to do so by a Judicial Officer

3. 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* authorised officers may direct persons to leave the Court 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 authorised officers know, and arrangements will be made to assist you.

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