COVID-19 Pandemic

Listing arrangements for urgent care applications from 4 May 2020

On 21 April 2020 the President of the Children's Court issued Public Notice no. 4 outlining a plan to de-centralise the listing arrangements for urgent care applications that were put in place under Public Notice no. 2 dated 24 March 2020.

The listing arrangements in the table below will apply from the 4 May 2020 until further notice in relation to applications for an emergency care and protection orders or care applications following the removal or assumption of a child or young person into care.

Please note that filing arrangements have not changed and applications should continue to be lodged at the court registry closest to the Department of Communities and Justice – Community Services Centre office.

Agreed interagency operating procedures have been developed and distributed to relevant agencies. Panel practitioners should contact Legal Aid or the Department of Communities and Justice – Legal for more information.

| District | Community Services Centre | Children's Court where application will be listed. |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Northern Sydney | ChatswoodPennant Hills | Surry Hills |
| South Eastern | Eastern SydneySt GeorgeSutherland | Surry Hills |
| Sydney | BurwoodCentral SydneyLakemba | Surry Hills |

Applications filed in Sydney metro and Central Coast

| Nepean/ Blue Mountains | Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Penrith St Marys Llthgow | Parramatta |
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| Western Sydney | Auburn Blacktown Mount Druitt Parramatta | Parramatta |
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| | BankstownFairfield | Parramatta |
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| South Western Sydney | LiverpoolBowralMacarthurIngleburn | Campbelltown |

| Central Coast Gosford Wyong | Woy Woy |
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Applications filed in regional NSW

| District | Community Services Centre | Children's Court where application will be listed. |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Far West | Broken HillDaretonWilcannia | Surry Hills |
| Hunter | Cessnock Charlestown Edgeworth Maitland Mayfield Raymond Terrace | Broadmeadow |
| lllawarra/ Shoalhaven | NowraUlladullaShellharbourWollongong | Port Kembla |
| Mid North Coast | KempseyPort MacquarieGreater Taree | Parramatta |

| Mid North Coast | Coffs Harbour | Lismore |
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| Murrumbidgee | Albury Cootamundra Deniliquin Griffith Leeton Tumut Wagga Wagga | Parramatta |
| New England | Armidale Glen Innes Inverell Narrabri Tamworth Moree Muswellbrook | Lismore Broadmeadow |
| Northern NSW | Muswellbrook Clarence Valley Ballina Lismore Tweed Heads | Lismore |
| Southern NSW | Batemans Bay Bega Cooma Goulburn Queanbeyan Yass | Port Kembla |
| Western | Bathurst Condobolin Cowra Mudgee Orange Parkes Bourke Brewarrina Cobar Coonabarabran Coonamble Dubbo Nyngan Walgett | Parramatta |

Applications will continue to be dealt with by video conference or telephone wherever this is feasible.