

## REGIONAL JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES PLAN FOR THE CRIMINAL DIVISION IN THE DISTRICT OF MONTREAL IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS

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### CRIMINAL DIVISION

The announcement made by the Premier on January 6, 2021, related to the increase in the number of people with COVID-19, does not alter regular operation of court activities as they are considered essential services.

In this context, all judicial activities in the Criminal Division in Montreal are maintained. All courtrooms are now equipped with videoconferencing systems. Semi-virtual hearings are favoured in practice court, and for appearance and interim release hearings.

For hearings on the merits, the videoconferencing system may be used with permission of the judge and in accordance with the provisions of the *Criminal Code*.

For information regarding specific situations, lawyers can contact the Associate Coordinating Judge Nathalie Fafard by e-mail [nathalie.fafard@judex.qc.ca](mailto:nathalie.fafard@judex.qc.ca) or, for cases under case management, Judge Hélène Morin [helene.morin@judex.qc.ca](mailto:helene.morin@judex.qc.ca).