

# Hunter Litigation Chambers



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## COVID-19 UPDATE (March 17, 2020)

Hunter Litigation Chambers (HLC) continues to closely monitor the developing COVID-19 situation. The health and safety of our firm members, families, clients and community are our priority.

Following the recommendations of federal and provincial health authorities, we have been taking, and will continue to take, steps to implement appropriate social distancing and other required measures.

In response to the widening health concerns, HLC is taking the following additional steps immediately:

1. We are halting all in-office meetings, other than in exceptional circumstances. As a general rule, meetings will take place by telephone or video conference.
2. In light of modified operations announced by various courts and tribunals, we will review our court calendars and speak with clients and opposing counsel to arrange adjournments or remote appearances where appropriate. We will also make every effort to reschedule up-coming examinations for discovery, arbitrations and mediations. Urgent matters before the court or administrative tribunals will proceed with every precaution taken for the health of the parties.
3. We will continue to pursue and protect the interests of our clients, either from the office or via our secure remote network. Our operations will continue without interruption. Clients should not hesitate to reach out to their lawyer to discuss new or existing matters.

We encourage everyone to keep up to date on COVID-19 precautions recommended by the health authorities: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>.