

Daily Operations of the Coroner's Court Update 28 May 2020

The wellbeing for all who come into contact with the coronial system continues to be of the utmost importance to the Coroner's Court. Notwithstanding the easing of some of the restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic a number of preventative measures will remain in place.

In-Court matters

- The State Coroner will preside over the June Call Over List on 5 June 2020;
- Inquest hearings listed from 2 June 2020 onwards will proceed. Please check this website for more up to date details on the <u>Inquest List</u>;
- Social Distancing of 2 metres will be maintained in the courtroom as much as is reasonably practicable to do so;
- The court may limit the number of persons who are admitted to the gallery, in order to comply with Social Distancing requirements; priority will be given to families of the deceased;
- Witnesses who physically attend court to give their evidence will be asked to remain in the waiting area outside the courtroom and they will be called when it is time for them to give their evidence;
- Please **do not** attend court if you :
 - Have travelled and returned from overseas in the past 14 days;
 - Have had contact with a diagnosed, suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
 - You are feeling unwell and have any of the following symptoms; fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath.

Registry and Counselling Services

In-person counselling services that are provided by the Coronial Counselling service remain suspended for the time being. However telephone counselling sessions can still be arranged by contacting the court by telephone or email applications.

As from 2 June 2020, the court will recommence providing access to evidence obtained to the senior next of kin, upon application and subject to the directions of the coroner.

The lodgement of documents, files, correspondence or any other supplementary information maybe lodged in person at the court, however the preference remains for lodgement by email (coroner@justice.wa.gov.au) or by post.

Members of the public attending the Registry area are to adhere to Social Distancing and hygiene practices.

Any further updates on the Court's services and practices will be made available on this website.