

NOTICE

Effective end of day today, March 17, 2020, WCAT will not be conducting any in-person hearings through April 10, 2020. Our reception area will also be closed to the public.

WCAT does not take this step lightly, however, we have concluded that this is an appropriate response to the social distancing recommendations being made by public health authorities.

WCAT WILL CONTACT YOU:

For all parties and representatives who had an in-person hearing scheduled for the time period from March 17 through April 10, 2020, WCAT will be contacting you to either arrange proceeding with your hearing via teleconference, or to inform you that your hearing will be rescheduled at a later date.

We will do our utmost to proceed with hearings via teleconference, knowing the importance of the hearings to the parties, and with a goal to complete appeals within statutory timelines wherever possible.

Any hearings that are not able to proceed via teleconference will be given priority for scheduling when in-person hearings are able to resume.

CORRESPONDING WITH WCAT:

As noted above, WCAT reception will be closed to the public effective March 17, 2020. We will continue to operate, and receive correspondence and accept telephone enquiries. Given the emphasis on having more staff work at home, we continue to strongly urge correspondence via email at appeals@wcat.bc.ca or fax at (604) 664-7898.

WCAT will continue to operate as efficiently as possible in this rapidly changing public health environment, and will continue to provide updates regarding our operations on our website.