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Covid-19 Contingency Measures

A Covid positive case has been detected within the Gibraltar Court Service. Consequently, an important number of staff members, all from the Supreme Court Registry, have been directed to self-isolate by Public Health Gibraltar. This will have a significant impact on our operations.

Cognisant of the repercussions that the implementation of rules closing the Supreme Court Registry to the public could have upon the ability to progress actions, we are using our very best endeavours to keep the public counter open. The cooperation of the profession is required if we are to maintain this basic service and practitioners are urged to file applications or issue proceedings only when absolutely necessary. Unless urgent, any application filed is unlikely to be processed until after 20 November 2020.

Other than any urgent applications which may require listing, hearings in civil jurisdictions listed between today and Friday 20 November 2020 will be vacated, with those matters being relisted in due course. Criminal matters remain on the calendar and defendants have to appear but it is envisaged that these will be adjourned to a future date.

Please do not write in enquiring on hearings you or your firm may have over the coming fortnight as notices will issue as soon as possible. We also ask you to bear with us as phone calls and emails cannot be responded to within the timeframes you may be accustomed to.

Only urgent queries should be directed to urgentcontact@gcs.gov.gi

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