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ASK THE PROFESSIONAL

I have separated from my spouse, and I want to get into court right away. Can I do that?

Family law matters will not usually be dealt with by the court "right away". The Family Law Rules provide that a motion for relief, i.e. an order, from

the court, cannot be brought before there is a case conference unless the matter is urgent or an emergency. The test or threshold for what is urgent

or an emergency is very high, usually said to be akin to concern for or the actual abduction of a child or

other child protection issues. The court requires



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parties to try and resolve the issues between them in advance before making itself available to decide an issue. Those pre-hearing actions may include out-of-court discussions or even having an Early Case Conference respecting the singular issue that is so important to one of the parties that he or she feels the court needs to intervene sooner than later. Going to court is expensive and risky, so it is important to explore all options in advance before "going to court". We do a lot of family/ divorce law, with offices in Georgetown, Brampton and Caledon East. In light of COVID-19, we are doing most everything virtually. So we are happy to have a Zoom meeting or a telephone call without charge to you to see if we can assist you. Have a great weekend.

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EDUCATION

PUBLIC BOARD REVEALS BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLAN

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Students and families will not be able to find out if their child's teachers are vaccinated and schools will have "bullying prevention" strategies in place in anticipation of classmates treating unvaccinated peers negatively.

These are some of the highlights of the Halton District School Board's return to school plan, released to families and students Friday (Aug. 20).

In the FAQ section, the board revealed parents cannot find out if their child's teacher is vaccinated, "however the Ontario government announced on Aug. 17, 2021 that a vaccination dis-

closure policy for school board staff will be in place for September 2021. This vaccine disclosure policy applies only to staff, it does not include students."

The board also said in the section, it has "bullying prevention strategies" in place to manage the potential negative impact/reaction from classmates towards students who aren't vaccinated.

HEALTH AND FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

- · All students (Kindergarten - Grade 12) will be required to wear non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes.
- Outdoor instructional time will be scheduled to provide students

breaks from wearing masks within their cohorts.

- · Where they can be worn safely based on the activity, masking will be encouraged for engaging in physical activity.
- · Masks may be temporarily removed indoors to consume food or drink, with a minimum distance of two metres maintained between cohorts and as much distancing as possible within a cohort.
- All drinking fountain faucets will be disabled.
- · Water bottle filling fixtures will remain and will be flushed daily.

STUDENT WITH POSSIBLE **SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19**

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