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Precautionary closure of Sydney registry of the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia on 17 March 2020 due to COVID-19

On Monday evening 16 March 2020, the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia (the Courts) were contacted by a Sydney-based family law practitioner who advised the Courts that the practitioner had recently tested positive for COVID-19.

The legal practitioner informed the Courts that the practitioner had appeared in the Sydney registry, known as the Lionel Bowen Building, 97-99 Goulburn Street, Sydney.

The practitioner was present in the building on Tuesday 10 March and Thursday 12 March 2020.

The health and safety of the community and staff is the Courts' priority and therefore, the Sydney registry will, as an abundance of caution for an initial 24 hours be closed on Tuesday 17 March 2020.

This will allow for thorough cleaning to take place and for contact to be made with any member of the community, Judges and staff who may have been present in the relevant courtrooms on the 10 and 12 March.

The Courts will follow the medical advice issued by the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer.

For more information about how to self-assess for your personal risk for coronavirus (COVID-19), please review the [NSW Department of Health](#) advice and the [Commonwealth Department of Health website](#)

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