



MEDIA ADVISORY

Recall of the House and hybrid sitting

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The House to meet on Monday, July 20, 2020, for the consideration of measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic

Pursuant to Standing Order 28(3), the Honourable Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons, has given notice for the House to meet on Monday, July 20, 2020, at noon, for the consideration of measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be an in-person sitting.

[Standing Order 28\(3\)](#) provides a means by which the House may be recalled at any other moment while the House stands adjourned. This process begins with a government request made in writing to the Speaker. The decision to recall is made by the Speaker, after consultation with the government and once the Speaker is satisfied that the public interest would be served by an earlier meeting of the House. Unless a motion is adopted that provides for a change to the daily order of business, proceedings are held in the usual manner, depending on the time of the meeting of the House. When the House sits on a Saturday or Sunday, the order of business will be that of a Friday sitting.

The House has been recalled on 17 other occasions, including the recalls of June 10, 2020, May 13, 2020, April 29, 2020, April 11, 2020, and March 24, 2020. For a list of previous recalls during adjournment periods, please refer to Appendix 12 of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, Third Edition, 2017, "[Recalls of the House of Commons During Adjournment Periods Since 1867](#)."

For more information related to the Speaker's role or the daily order of business of the House following a recall, see the section entitled "[Recall of the House During an Adjournment](#)" in Chapter 8 of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, Third Edition, 2017.

The House to meet in hybrid format on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, and resolve into a Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to the order adopted on May 26, 2020, the House will meet on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at noon. The House will also meet on Wednesday, August 12 and August 26, 2020. It will then stand adjourned until Monday, September 21, 2020.

During these sittings, the House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to allow Members to question ministers on matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic and other matters. This will be followed by a general debate on a motion regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures taken by the government. The proceedings of the Committee of the Whole will operate as follows:

- Members may participate in the proceedings either in person or by videoconference.
- Members may question ministers for a period not exceeding 95 minutes on matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic and other matters.
- Following the questioning of ministers, the Committee shall consider a motion “[t]hat the House take note of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and measures taken by the government to respond to it.” This debate shall last no longer than 2 hours 20 minutes.
- When the committee rises, the motion shall be deemed withdrawn and the House shall adjourn until the next sitting day provided for in the motion.

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