On behalf of the Swedish Judges Association I hereby share a few notes regarding the effects of COVID-19 in our Judiciary.

Neither the courts or the Judiciary in general have been subject to any legal reforms in order to cope with the effect of the virus. Furthermore the consequences of the pandemic differs in our country, hence the measures taken in the courts. In some courts in Stockholm, for instance, only urgent matters are dealt with (criminal and civil). The legal definitions of what’s urgent, however, has not changed.

In most courts it is “business as usual” with one general exception; Lay judges over the age of 70 years old are no longer summoned.

Kind regards,

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