



# Speaker's Remote Participation Rules

15 March 2022

1. The Speaker will permit a member to participate remotely if:
  - (1) the member cannot attend the House because of having contracted COVID-19, or having to isolate or quarantine because of COVID-19; or
  - (2) for any other reason approved by the Speaker.
2. A member, or their Whip, must request the Speaker, in writing or orally, if a member wishes to participate remotely.
3. The Speaker will inform the House when she has agreed to a request.
4. Members participating remotely may:
  - (1) give a speech on the second reading and third reading of a bill;
  - (2) give a speech on a motion, including a Matter of Public Interest;
  - (3) ask and answer questions at Question Time;
  - (4) deliver a grievance, or respond to a grievance; and
  - (5) give a member's 90-second statement.
5. The Chair is given any additional powers necessary to facilitate the member's remote participation in the proceedings and/or to address any procedural or technical issues, including but not limited to:
  - (1) stopping the clock;
  - (2) returning to a member's contribution; and
  - (3) reordering business.
6. If an occasion arises that is not contemplated by these Rules, the Speaker shall have the authority to determine:
  - (1) whether a member may participate remotely;
  - (2) what proceedings of the House may be undertaken via remote participation; and
  - (3) under what conditions and the manner in which a member may participate remotely.