

COVID-19 Phased Economic Reopening Plans

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Government of Canada	Joint statement by First Ministers for restarting the economy	<p>As governments develop plans to gradually lift restrictions, they will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> protecting the health of Canadians; easing restrictions gradually; protecting high-risk groups (e.g., those vulnerable due to age, underlying health conditions, remote location, close living spaces, and temporary or unstable living spaces); ensuring our public health capacity remains strong to prepare for, and respond to, any future waves of the pandemic, including through enhanced testing and contact tracing; and, supporting a broad range of economic sectors. 	<p>The federal and provincial governments have identified the criteria and measures that need to be in place in order to begin to take steps to restart the economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 transmission is controlled, so new cases are contained at a level that our health care system can manage. Sufficient public health capacity is in place to test, trace, isolate, and control the spread of the virus. Expanded health care capacity exists to support all needs, including COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients. Supports are in place for vulnerable groups, communities, and key populations. This includes the protection of seniors, residents of group living facilities, workers in close quarters, homeless people, and Indigenous people and those living in remote locations, health care workers and other essential workers, and inmates. Support and monitoring of workplace protocols are in place to keep Canadians safe at their jobs and prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19. Restrictions on non-essential travel are eased and managed in a coordinated manner. Communities are supported in managing local disease activity, including in childcare, schools, and public transportation, and industry and economic sectors are engaged to support the health of Canadians, reduced viral activity, and protection of the economy as it restarts. <p>Related link: https://bit.ly/3ba93qD</p>
British Columbia	B.C.'s Restart Plan	<p>Under B.C.'s Restart Plan, government will work closely with public health officials, businesses and labour organizations to lift restrictions in phases, gradually allowing for more social and economic activity, while closely monitoring health information to minimize the risk to the public.</p>	<p>B.C. is currently in Phase 1 of the restart plan.</p> <p>Phase 2, which will begin in mid-May, includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> small social gatherings; a resumption of elective surgeries and regulated health services like physiotherapy, dentistry, chiropractors and in-person counselling; provincial parks open for day use;

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> opening more non-essential businesses in keeping with safe operations plans; recalling the provincial legislature for regular sittings. <p>Under enhanced protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoration of health services Re-scheduling elective surgery Medically related services: Dentistry, physiotherapy, registered massage therapy, and chiropractors Physical therapy, speech therapy, and similar services Retail sector Hair salons, barbers, and other personal service establishments In-person counselling Restaurants, cafes, and pubs (with sufficient distancing measures) Museums, art galleries, and libraries Office-based worksites Recreation and sports Parks, beaches, and outdoor spaces Childcare <p>The target date for the start of Phase 3, which will include opening up of additional businesses and services, is between June and September 2020, if transmission rates remain low or in decline.</p> <p>If transmission rates remain low or in decline, under enhanced protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotels and Resorts (June 2020) Parks – broader reopening, including some overnight camping (June 2020) Film industry – beginning with domestic productions (June/July 2020) Select entertainment – movies and symphony, but not large concerts (July 2020) Post-secondary education – with mix of online and in-class (September 2020) K-12 education – with only a partial return this school year (September 2020)

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			<p>Phase 4 will only be achieved when the threat of COVID-19 has been significantly diminished through widespread vaccination, broad successful treatments, evidence of community immunity, or the equivalent.</p> <p>Conditional on at least one of the following; wide vaccination, “community” immunity, broad successful treatments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities requiring large gatherings, such as: • Conventions • Live audience professional sports • Concerts • International tourism <p>The timing of a safe restart of night clubs, casinos and bars is a more complicated consideration. As with other sectors, industry associations will be expected to develop safe operations plans, for review, that are in keeping with Public Health and Safety Guidelines, as well as WorkSafeBC.</p>
Alberta	Alberta's Relaunch Strategy	<p>To ensure a safer reopening, the following elements must be in place for the first stage of relaunch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhance our nation-leading testing capacity at the highest level in Canada • robust and comprehensive contact tracing, aided by technology, to quickly notify people who may have been exposed • support for people who test positive to enable effective isolation and contain spread • stronger international border controls and airport screening, especially for international travellers 	<p>Early actions taken to allow some activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat launch access in select provincial parks. • Vehicle access to parking lots and staging areas on public lands and parks. • Golf courses can open, with restrictions to keep clubhouses and pro shops closed. On-site shops and restaurants can open in Stage 1, consistent with other businesses and retailers. • AHS can resume some scheduled, non-urgent surgeries. • Dental and other regulated health-care workers such as physiotherapists, speech language pathologists, respiratory therapists, audiologists, social workers, occupational therapists, dieticians and more can resume services as long as they follow approved guidelines set by their professional colleges. • Alberta Parks' online campground reservation system will open for bookings at select campgrounds starting June 1 onward with some restrictions in place. Out-of-province bookings will not be processed. • Will progress to Stage 1 gradually once health measures are achieved to the satisfaction of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rules and guidance for the use of masks in crowded spaces, like mass transit strong protections for the most vulnerable, including those in long-term care, continuing care and seniors lodges a rapid response plan in the event of possible outbreaks of COVID-19 <p>Relaunch Strategy Guide (PDF)</p> <p>Relaunch guidance for business owners</p>	<p>STAGE 1 (as early as May 14)</p> <p>Stage 1 allows some businesses and facilities to resume full operations as early as May 14 with enhanced infection prevention and controls in place. Mask use will be strongly recommended in crowded public spaces, like mass transit, that do not allow for physical distancing of 2 metres apart.</p> <p>Lifted restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some retail businesses like clothing, furniture and bookstores. All farmers' market vendors. Some personal services like hairstyling and barber shops. More scheduled surgeries and dental procedures. Cafes, restaurants, pubs and bars can reopen for public seating at 50% capacity, but people will not be able to go to the bar to order drinks, they will need to be served at the table. Museums and art galleries. Some additional outdoor recreation. Daycares and out-of-school care, with occupancy limits. Summer camps, with occupancy limits (this could include summer school). Post-secondary institutions will continue course delivery, but method (online, in-person or blend) will depend on the restrictions in place at each phase. <p>Continuing restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings of more than 15 people will not permitted. Gatherings of 15 people or fewer must follow physical distancing and other public health guidelines. Public attendance at businesses, facilities and events that have close physical contact will not be permitted, including: arts and culture festivals, major sporting events and concerts. Movie theatres, pools, recreation centres, arenas, spas, nightclubs and gyms will remain closed. Visiting patients in health care facilities will remain limited. In-school classes for kindergarten to Grade 12 students will remain prohibited.

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			<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-essential travel, especially outside the province, will continue to not be recommended. • Remote working is advised where possible. • Progression to Stage 2 will be determined by the success of Stage 1, considering health care system capacity, hospitalization and ICU cases, and infection rates. <p>STAGE 2 (Timing TBD)</p> <p>Stage 2 will allow additional businesses and services to reopen and resume operations with 2 metre physical distancing requirements and other public health guidelines in place.</p> <p>Lifted restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential opening of K-12 schools, with restrictions. • Libraries, with restrictions. • More surgeries scheduled, including backlog elimination. • More personal services like artificial tanning, esthetics, cosmetic skin and body treatments, manicures, pedicures, waxing, facial treatments, massage and reflexology. • Larger gatherings permitted in some situations (number of people to be determined). • Restaurants, cafes, lounges and bars continue operating at reduced capacity. • Movie theatres and theatres, with restrictions. <p>Continuing restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits to patients in health care facilities will remain limited. • Nightclubs, gyms, pools, recreation centres and arenas will remain closed. • Arts and culture festivals, concerts and major sporting events will not be permitted. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-essential travel will continue to not be recommended. • Progression to Stage 3 will be determined based on success of stages 1 and 2.

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			<p>STAGE 3 (Timing TBD)</p> <p>Stage 3 timing will be determined based on health indicators. Some restrictions and enhanced protection controls will remain in place.</p> <p>Lifted restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully reopening all businesses and services, with some restrictions. Larger gatherings permitted (number of people to be determined). Arts and culture festivals, concerts and major sporting events will be permitted with restrictions. Nightclubs, gyms, pools, recreation centres and arenas will reopen, with restrictions. Industry conferences can resume, with restrictions. No restrictions on non-essential travel. <p>Physical distancing restrictions will be maintained.</p>
Saskatchewan	Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan	<p>As restrictions are gradually lifted, the Government of Saskatchewan and its Chief Medical Health Officer will carefully monitor the daily number of reported cases and other important indicators. They will also monitor to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transmission of the virus is controlled; The provincial health system has enough capacity to test, isolate and treat every case, as well as trace every contact; Outbreak risks are minimized in special settings, such as health care facilities; Preventive measures are established in place in workplaces, 	<p>Phase One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 4 - Medical Services May 4 – Fishing and Boat Launches May 15 – Golf Courses June 1 - Parks & Campgrounds <p>Phase Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 19 – Retail May 19 - Select Personal Services <p>Phase Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-Opening Remaining Personal Services (TBD) Re-Opening Restaurant & Food Services – 50 per cent capacity (TBD) Re-Opening Gyms and Fitness Facilities (TBD) Re-Opening Licensed Establishments (TBD) Re-Opening Childcare Facilities (TBD) Increase the Size of Public and Private Gatherings to 15 People (TBD)

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		<p>schools and other essential gathering places;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The risks of importing the virus from outside the province can be managed; and Communities and businesses are educated, engaged and empowered to adjust to the new realities brought about by COVID-19. 	<p>Phase 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-Opening Indoor and Outdoor Recreation and Entertainment Facilities (TBD) Increasing the Size of Public and Private Gatherings to 30 People (TBD) <p>Phase 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider Lifting Some Long-Term Restrictions (TBD)
Manitoba	Restoring Safe Services	<p>Manitoba is now in a position to ease some restrictions and support economic recovery by taking measures to restore some services.</p> <p>As more information becomes available and data on the current situation in Manitoba is analyzed, some measures may need to be reintroduced or new restrictions implemented to reduce any further spread of the virus.</p> <p>The timing and order of any actions taken may change throughout the process, based on modelling, testing, public health surveillance and public health advice.</p> <p>Each phase will require a period of a minimum three to four weeks to observe the results of the previous phase, and to make determinations about acceptable next steps.</p>	<p>Phase 1 (May 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> schools will remain closed non-urgent surgery and diagnostic procedures restored therapeutic and health care services restored retail businesses reopen restaurants - patio/walk-up services restored hairstylists and barbers reopen museums, galleries and libraries reopen outdoor recreation and campgrounds reopen <p>Phase 2 (No earlier than June 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> expanding public gatherings restaurants - dine-in services restored film production reopened non-contact children's sports restored <p>Future Phases (TBD)</p> <p>The following businesses may reopen if they maintain an occupancy level to allow people to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres, except for brief exchanges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bars (with capacity limitations) Tattoo parlours Estheticians, cosmetologists, electrologists, and tanning parlours Public swimming, spas, fitness clubs and gyms (with capacity limitations)

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Ontario	Reopening Ontario after COVID-19	<p>A Framework for Reopening our Province includes three stages. Through all stages, public health and safety will be the number one concern, while balancing the needs of people and businesses.</p> <p>To reopen the economy, we will consider factors such as the risk of the spread of COVID-19 and the ability to implement protective and preventative measures in the workplace.</p> <p>The Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will advise the government on when it may begin to ease public health measures using a range of criteria, including:</p> <p>a consistent two-to-four week decrease in the number of new daily COVID-19 cases sufficient acute and critical care capacity, including access to ventilators and ongoing availability of personal protective equipment approximately 90% of new COVID-19 contacts are being reached by local public health officials within one day, with</p>	<p>Stage 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opening select workplaces that can meet current public health guidelines • allowing essential gatherings of a limited number of people • opening some outdoor spaces • continued protections for vulnerable populations <p>Stage 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opening more workplaces with significant mitigation plans • opening more public spaces • allowing some larger public gatherings • continued protections for vulnerable populations <p>Stage 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opening all workplaces responsibly • relaxing restrictions on public gatherings • continued protections for vulnerable populations <p>Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee</p> <p>Reopening will be gradual and occur in stages. There will be two-to-four weeks between the launch of each stage to allow health officials to assess conditions before moving to the next one. This will determine if measures should be adjusted, loosened or tightened. This approach will enable the government to ensure there are appropriate measures in place to open safely and limit health risks.</p>

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		guidance and direction to contain community spread ongoing testing of suspected COVID-19 cases, especially of vulnerable populations, to detect new outbreaks quickly	Everyday actions to protect your health, like physical distancing, frequent hand washing and staying home when ill, will continue through each stage.
Quebec	Gradual resumption of activities under the COVID-19-related pause.	<p>In the coming weeks, activities will gradually resume in Québec, with the consent and collaboration of public health authorities.</p> <p>The re-openings will occur in phases, depending on the type of activities and the geographic zone.</p> <p>Questions and Answers pertaining to employers and workers</p> <p>Questions and Answers concerning stores, public spaces and services</p>	<p>Since May 4, retail businesses situated elsewhere than in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM) are open, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the businesses have a door to the outside ordinarily used by the clientele; access to the businesses through an indoor common area be prohibited. <p>Activities are resumed to anyone, situated elsewhere than in the territory of the CMM, providing goods or services required for supplying retail businesses.</p> <p>Starting on May 11, all construction industry worksites can resume their activities. The reopening covers all sectors of the construction industry: residential, civil engineering and roads, institutional, commercial, and industrial. The reopening will simultaneously lead to the reopening of the industry's supply chains.</p> <p>Starting on May 11, manufacturing companies in all regions of Québec can resume their activities. However, they must at all times throughout the day limit staff per shift on a given site to a maximum of 50 workers and 50% of the employees exceeding the limit of 50 workers.</p> <p>Starting on May 18, retail stores in the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal with direct exterior access that customers usually use can resume their activities. Businesses in the stores' supply chains can resume their operations on the same date.</p> <p>Starting on May 25, manufacturing companies throughout Québec will be authorized to resume their operations with no restriction on the number of employees present to ensure such operations. All employees who can engage in teleworking must continue to do so.</p> <p>Manufacturing companies already in operation to produce priority services and activities or inputs or raw materials required by priority services and activities with a number of employees beyond the limit adopted starting from May 11 can continue at the same pace until May 25.</p>

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New Brunswick	Phased Re-opening	<p>The plan to re-open businesses, educational facilities, the health-care system, recreational activities, and cultural events will be guided by four distinct public health alert levels:</p> <p>Red: This is the present phase aimed at flattening the curve and containing the virus as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Orange: The goal of this phase is to balance the reopening of social and economic settings while preventing a resurgence of transmission.</p> <p>Yellow: The goal of this phase is to further increase the reopening of social and economic settings after the ability to control transmission has been demonstrated.</p> <p>Green: This phase will likely come after a vaccine is available or more is learned about how to protect people from the virus.</p> <p>Public Health Phases & Triggers</p>	<p>As a first step, the following restrictions were eased on April 24th :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-household bubbles: Households may now choose to spend time with one other household, if both households agree. The selection made is not interchangeable. Golf courses and driving ranges: If all physical distancing and safety measures are in place, golf courses and driving ranges can now open. Recreational fishing and hunting: The delay on springs seasons has been lifted. Outdoor spaces: With physical distancing, people can now enjoy the outdoors including parks and beaches. Carpooling: Co-workers or neighbours can carpool if physical distancing measures are maintained by transporting the passenger in the backseat. Post-secondary education: Students requiring access to campus to fulfill their course requirements will be able to do so. Outdoor religious services: As an alternative to online worship, religious organizations can hold outdoor services if parishioners stay in their vehicles that are two metres apart. <p>Large gatherings such as festivals and concerts are prohibited through Dec. 31, 2020, subject to change.</p>
Nova Scotia		A phased plan to further lift public health restrictions is under development. It is based on science and the timing of each phase will be determined by the result to the easing of restrictions.	<p>As of May 1, certain restrictions have been eased. The initial steps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provincial and municipal parks can reopen, but playground equipment will continue to be off limits trails are allowed to open people are allowed to use and visit community gardens garden centres, nurseries and similar businesses can open

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