

# COVID-19 Supports, Restrictions & Reopening Protocols

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Government of Canada	<p>The Government of Canada has taken steps to protect the health and well-being of Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p><b>Government Legislation:</b></p> <p><a href="#">An Act to amend the Financial Administration Act (special warrant) (S.C. 2020, c.4)</a></p> <p><a href="#">COVID-19 Emergency Response Act (S.C. 2020, c. 5)</a></p> <p><a href="#">COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2 (S.C. 2020, c. 6)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Bill C-15: Canada Emergency Student Benefit Act</a></p> <p><b>COVID-19 Economic Response Plan:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/2wllHiJ">https://bit.ly/2wllHiJ</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joint statement by First Ministers for restarting the economy</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Temporary 10% Wage Subsidy for Employers</a></p> <p><a href="#">Extending the Work-Sharing program</a></p> <p><a href="#">Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Deferred income tax payments</a></p> <p><a href="#">Deferral of Sales Tax Remittance</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Temporary salary top-up for low-income essential workers</a></p> <p><a href="#">Increasing the Canada Child Benefit</a></p> <p><a href="#">Special Goods and Services Tax credit payment</a></p> <p><a href="#">Extra time to file income tax returns</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mortgage payment deferral</a></p> <p><a href="#">Suspending repayment and interest on student and apprentice loans</a></p> <p><a href="#">Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mental Health Support</a></p>	<p>As of May 19<sup>th</sup>, the <a href="#">30-day restriction on all non-essential (discretionary) travel at the Canada-U.S. border</a> that was implemented on March 21<sup>st</sup> was extended for an additional 30 days until June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.</p> <p>This restriction covers all travel of an optional or discretionary nature, such as tourism, entertainment and recreation.</p> <p>Under the Quarantine Act, the federal government has imposed mandatory 14-day isolation for people entering the country.</p> <p>There are exceptions for workers who are essential to the movement of goods and people.</p> <p>Related link: <a href="https://bit.ly/2WZyZ58">https://bit.ly/2WZyZ58</a></p>	<p>Economic supply chains remain open and the Government of Canada will work to ensure that access to goods and services is not interrupted.</p> <p>Those who work in the trade and transportation sector who are important for the movement of goods and people, including truck drivers, crew on any plane, train or marine vessel, and that cross the border while performing their duties or for the purpose of performing their duties are exempted from the travel restriction order.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 measures, updates and guidance issued by Transport Canada:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/2yttamB">https://bit.ly/2yttamB</a></p> <p>On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Minister of Transport, extended the Ministerial Order regarding health checks for passengers due to the COVID-19 pandemic until May 31, 2020.</p> <p>The signed Ministerial Order issued pursuant to section 32.01 of the Railway Safety Act can be viewed here: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Wgo3PO">https://bit.ly/2Wgo3PO</a></p>

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		<a href="#">Insured Mortgage Purchase Program</a>  <a href="#">Farm Credit Canada</a>  <a href="#">Partnering with Canadian industry to fight COVID-19</a>  <a href="#">Canada Summer Jobs 2020 temporary flexibilities for employers</a>  Related links:  <a href="https://canada.ca/coronavirus">https://canada.ca/coronavirus</a>  <a href="#">Canadian Business Resilience Network</a>			
British Columbia	On May 13 <sup>th</sup> , the B.C. government formally extended the provincial state of emergency through the end of the day on May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020.  <a href="#">BC's Restart Plan</a>	<a href="#">Support for Businesses, Organizations and Industry</a>  <a href="#">Handling Absences &amp; Other Disruptions</a>  <a href="#">Small Business BC resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19</a>  <a href="#">BC Economic Development Association resources for businesses, economic developers and local leaders impacted by COVID-19</a>	<a href="#">Financial supports in response to COVID-19</a>  <a href="#">The BC Emergency Benefit for Workers</a>  <a href="#">Climate action tax credit</a>  <a href="#">Renters, Homeowners and People Experiencing Homelessness</a>  <a href="#">StudentAidBC</a>  <a href="#">BC Hydro customers can defer payments or access</a>	The PHO has ordered some types of businesses to close. Any business or service that has not been ordered to close and is also not identified on the essential service list may stay open if they can adapt their services and workplace to the orders and recommendations of the PHO.	BC outlined a list of essential services on March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020. The full list can be viewed here: <a href="https://bit.ly/2QQ3qGZ">https://bit.ly/2QQ3qGZ</a>  The list of critical infrastructure service providers includes transportation, operating staff, and manufacturing of goods necessary for the continued and immediate operation of other essential infrastructure and businesses.  Employees who repair, maintain and overhaul vehicles, aircraft and parts, rail equipment, marine vessels, and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass

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		<a href="#">WorkSafeBC resources for employers</a>  <a href="#">Destination BC resources for the tourism industry</a>	<a href="#">grants to help pay their hydro bills</a>  <a href="#">Information for Parents &amp; Families</a>  <a href="#">WorkSafeBC resources for workers</a>		<p>movement of cargo and passengers, as well as vehicle rentals and leasing.</p> <p>Services that facilitate the transportation of essential supplies, personnel and services, including: port/waterfront operations, road, air, rail operations.</p> <p>The BC Government has suspended by-laws that restrict goods delivery at any time of day.</p> <p>BC has established a new Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit to co-ordinate goods and services distribution; taking a more active role in coordinating essential goods and services movement by land, air, marine and rail.</p>
Alberta	<a href="#">Alberta's Relaunch Strategy</a> began on May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Alberta Biz Connect</a>  <a href="#">Emergency Support Measures for Businesses</a>	<a href="#">Overview of Alberta's Emergency Support Measures</a> (PDF)  <a href="#">Supports for Albertans</a>	<a href="#">Alberta implemented public health measures to restrict mass gatherings.</a>  <p>No gatherings with more than 15 people are allowed.</p> <p>At this time, the restriction does not include normal operations of workplaces and businesses (i.e. offices, manufacturing, construction, industrial) not specifically defined by the chief medical officer of health.</p>	<p>The list of essential services includes:</p> <p>Services that supply other essential businesses or essential services with the support, supplies, systems or services, including processing, packaging, distribution, delivery and maintenance necessary to operate (i.e. supply chains)</p> <p>Services and facilities that provide transportation services to businesses and individuals including by air, water, road, and rail, including providing logistical support, distribution services, warehousing and storage, including truck stops and tow operators</p>

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				<p>Where workplace gatherings of 50 or more people in a single space occur (e.g. training events), they must not proceed.</p> <p>Workplaces that are not otherwise restricted or ordered to close can have more than 15 workers on a work site as long as they follow all public health guidelines, including physical distancing measures.</p>	<p>Businesses that provide materials and services for the operation, maintenance and safety of transportation systems (road, transit, rail, air and marine) including delivery of maintenance services such as clearing snow, response to collisions, and completing needed repairs to the transportation systems.</p> <p>Related link: <a href="https://bit.ly/2R5beEV">https://bit.ly/2R5beEV</a></p>
Saskatchewan	Phase 1 of the <a href="#">Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan</a> began on May 4 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Support for Businesses</a>	<a href="#">Support for Workers</a>	<p>All international travellers, including those returning from the U.S., must self-isolate for 14 days after returning to Canada.</p> <p>Health Care workers who have travelled internationally, truckers and airline crews are exempt, if they are required to work to maintain business continuity and will be supervised by Infection, Prevention Control Officers and Occupational Health and Safety.</p> <p>The Government of Saskatchewan is limiting the size of public and private gatherings to a maximum of 10 people in one room.</p> <p>Exceptions are provided where two-meter distancing between</p>	<p><a href="#">Critical public services and allowable business services include:</a></p> <p>Production, processing and manufacturing and the supporting supply chains.</p> <p>Transport, storage and distribution of goods.</p> <p>Health Care workers who have traveled internationally, as well as truckers, rail, airline or other working crews are exempt from the self-isolation advisory only if they are required to work to maintain essential services, provide emergency health care services and maintain supply chain.</p> <p>A complete list of allowable services can be viewed here: <a href="https://bit.ly/3akE0ch">https://bit.ly/3akE0ch</a></p>

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				<p>people can be maintained, such as: workplaces and meeting settings where people are distributed into multiple rooms or buildings; and retail locations deemed essential.</p> <p>Related link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3aMkBko">https://bit.ly/3aMkBko</a></p>	
Manitoba	<p>Phase one of the plan to safely restore services in Manitoba as outlined in <a href="#">Restoring Safe Services: Manitoba's Pandemic Economic Recovery Roadmap</a> began on May 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<a href="#">Support for Businesses</a>	<a href="#">Support for Manitobans</a>	<p>Public health officials are strongly advising all Manitobans, including health-care providers, to cancel or postpone any non-essential travel. This includes international travel and travel within Canada. There should be no recreational, tourist or non-essential personal travel.</p> <p>In addition, public health officials recommended that effective March 23<sup>rd</sup>, anyone who returns from international or domestic travel should self-isolate and self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days following their return.</p>	<p>On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the Province of Manitoba restricted operations of non-critical businesses in new Public Health Order: <a href="https://bit.ly/2V6LPfI">https://bit.ly/2V6LPfI</a></p> <p>This recommendation does not include the commercial transportation of goods and services.</p> <p>At this time, public health officials are not mandating drivers to self-isolate after crossing the border, to ensure essential services continue.</p>
Ontario	<p>On May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Ontario government extended the Declaration of Emergency until June 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p><a href="#">A Framework for Reopening our Province</a></p>	<a href="#">Support for Businesses during COVID-19</a>	<a href="#">Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19</a>	<p>Businesses who have questions about closures of at-risk workplaces or how emergency measures impact their business or employment can call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.</p>	<p>The Ontario Government has released a list of essential workplaces: <a href="https://bit.ly/2UyPuDh">https://bit.ly/2UyPuDh</a></p> <p>These include:</p> <p>Businesses, facilities and services that support and facilitate the two-way</p>

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					<p>movement of essential goods within integrated North American and Global supply chains</p> <p>Businesses and facilities that provide transportation services to businesses and individuals including by air, water, road, and rail including providing logistical support, distribution services, warehousing and storage, including truck stops and tow operators.</p> <p>Businesses that supply other essential businesses or essential services with the support, supplies, systems or services, including processing, packaging, distribution, delivery and maintenance necessary to operate.</p> <p>Businesses that provide materials and services for the operation, maintenance and safety of transportation systems (road, transit, rail, air and marine) including delivery of maintenance services such as clearing snow, response to collisions, and completing needed repairs to the transportation systems.</p> <p>Businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials, including businesses that manufacture inputs to other manufacturers (e.g. primary metal/ steel, blow molding, component</p>

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					manufacturers, chemicals, etc. that feed the end-product manufacturer)
Quebec	<a href="#">Gradual resumption of activities under the COVID-19-related pause</a>	<a href="#">Financial Assistance for Businesses</a>  <a href="#">Emergency Assistance for SMEs</a>  <a href="#">Concerted temporary action program for business (PACTE)</a>  <a href="#">Flexibility measures respecting existing loans and loan guarantees</a>  <a href="#">Assisting the Tourism Industry</a>	<a href="#">Financial Assistance for Employees</a>  <a href="#">Continued employment (PACME)</a>	<p>As of March 25, 2020, the Québec government has ordered the minimization of all non-priority services and activities.</p> <p>Employers are asked to be flexible regarding their employees' work schedules to limit, for example, crowds in public transit during rush hour.</p> <p>Truck drivers and air crews and seagoing personnel do not have to self-isolate given the important role that they play in the transportation of critical goods such as food.</p>	<p>Priority services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public transit services and passenger services</li> <li>• Ports and airports</li> <li>• Maintenance of locomotives, aircraft and boats and essential air operations (air transportation)</li> <li>• Supply and distribution of foodstuffs, grocery stores and convenience stores</li> <li>• Transportation, storage and distribution of goods</li> <li>• Remunerated passenger transportation and paratransit services</li> </ul> <p>A full list of priority services can be viewed here: <a href="https://bit.ly/2WGOsXi">https://bit.ly/2WGOsXi</a></p>
New Brunswick	<a href="#">Guidance Document of General Public Health Measures During COVID-19 Recovery</a>  <a href="#">Public Health Phases &amp; Triggers</a>	<a href="#">Guidance and support information for small, medium and large New Brunswick businesses</a>	<a href="#">Information and guidance for individuals and families</a>	<p>Travellers entering the province from Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia will be stopped by peace officers and required to produce identification.</p> <p>Contact information and intended destinations are being collected and tracked for all travellers, including those</p>	<p>Like measures at the Canada-United States border, commercial traffic and essential employees will be exempt so that services are maintained, and critical supplies can continue to move across provincial boundaries unimpeded.</p> <p>Construction and maintenance businesses are not required to cease operations.</p>

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				travelling through New Brunswick to another province.	<p>Production and manufacturing are not required to cease operations.</p> <p>Plumbing, electrical and environmental cleanup businesses are not required to cease operations.</p> <p>Bussing, taxi and delivery businesses are not required to cease operations.</p> <p>Related link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3dIO4hn">https://bit.ly/3dIO4hn</a></p>
Nova Scotia	<p>On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Province of Nova Scotia declared a state of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19.</p> <p>The state of emergency has been extended until noon on May 31<sup>st</sup></p>	<a href="#">Support for businesses</a>	<a href="#">Support for individuals and families</a>	<p>Nova Scotians should only leave if essential. Anyone entering the province will be stopped, questioned and told to self-isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>Any workplace or business that is not deemed essential can remain open as long as a two-meter or six-foot distance can be maintained.</p> <p>Workspaces must also be cleaned and disinfected at a minimum of twice daily or as required and employees follow proper hygiene.</p>	<p>Exemptions for cross-border travel include healthy workers in trades and transportations sectors who move goods and people (e.g. truck drivers); healthy people going to work (e.g. health-care workers); and people travelling into the province for essential health services (e.g. chemotherapy treatment)</p> <p>There are several groups who are essential and exempt from gathering limits but must still maintain social distancing and other public health protocols. This includes transportation, such as trucking, rail and transit.</p>