



COVID-19

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Alberta

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Alberta's reopening plan

Alberta [announced its plan](#) for gradual reopening. Once health objectives are achieved, as early as May 14, Alberta can begin **Stage One** by opening:

- All farmers markets and retail businesses, such as clothing, furniture and bookstores
- Some personal services like hairstyling and barbershops
- Museums and art galleries
- More scheduled surgeries, dental procedures, physiotherapy, etc.
- Daycares, out-of-school care, and summer camps with occupancy limits
- Cafés, restaurants with no bar service at 50% capacity
- Some outdoor recreation.

The timing of **Stage Two** will be determined by the success of Stage 1 and will:

- Allow additional businesses and services to reopen and resume operations with 2 metre physical distancing requirements and other public health guidelines. This includes:
 - “Potential” K-12 schools, with restrictions
 - More scheduled surgeries, including backlog elimination
 - Personal services (cosmetic, nail salons, etc.)
 - Movie theatres with restrictions.

The timing of **Stage Three** is also determined by the success of the previous stages, and will include:

- Fully reopening all businesses and services, with some limited restrictions
- Permitting larger gatherings, festivals, concerts and major sports events with some restrictions
- Permitting nightclubs, gyms, rec centres, arenas, etc., with some restrictions
- Resuming industry conferences with restrictions.

Each stage will include an evaluation and monitoring period to determine if restrictions should be adjusted up or down.

Ontario

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[New government guidelines to help employers adapt to the new reality](#)

The Ontario government has released guidelines for various sectors as the province moves to re-open the economy. The [new sector-specific guidelines](#) feature recommended actions employers can begin to plan for as they prepare to adapt to the new reality. The province also announced 58 new provincial labour inspectors to help communicate guidelines and enforce emergency measures.

[Government launches new tool to support trucking industry](#)

[The Ontario government is offering a new free 511 app](#) which will provide truck drivers immediate access to the information they need to stay safe, fed and rested while delivering essential goods across the province during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Ontario 511 app provides images from over 600 cameras and includes up-to-date highway information on construction, collisions and road closures. It also identifies open rest areas and locations throughout the province that offer food and fuel. The app includes an easy to use map view and features a drive mode that provides hands free audio alerts.

Newfoundland

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[Newfoundland and Labrador introduce "double bubble" plan](#)

The province of Newfoundland and Labrador joined New Brunswick in introducing a “double bubble.” Effective today, a household can socialize with one other household. The province also announced its re-opening plan. **It is currently at “Alert Level 5”**, and will de-escalate as follows:

Alert Level 4 – May 11:

- low-risk outdoor recreational activities can resume (e.g. golfing, fishing, hunting);
- low-risk non-essential businesses can open (e.g. law firms, accounting firms, garden centres);
- resumption of some medical procedures in regional health authorities;
- limited expansion of child care centres;
- Funerals with a maximum of 10 people are permitted.

Alert Level 3 – June 8 *at the earliest*:

- private health care clinics can resume (e.g. optometry, dentistry);
- medium-risk businesses can open (e.g. hair salons, pet grooming);
- restaurants can re-open at reduced occupancy;
- medium-risk outdoor recreational activities can resume (e.g. team field sports);
- further expansion of child care centres.

Alert Level 2 – *date not yet set*:

- small gatherings allowed;
- high-risk businesses can open (e.g. shopping centres, cinemas);
- bars and lounges are permitted to open with reduced occupancy;
- medium-risk recreational facilities can open (e.g. gyms, fitness facilities).

Alert Level 1 – *date not yet set*:

Alert level 1 is the new normal. Consideration of lifting long-term public health measures will depend on evaluation of transmission patterns, availability of an effective vaccine and/or treatment, and a strong public health system

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