

COVID-19: Recovery and Re-opening Tracker

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As Governments and businesses turn their minds toward the recovery and re-opening of the economy, our team is closely monitoring updates from governments across Canada. The following summarizes the recovery and re-opening measures which have been announced to date in each jurisdiction. We will continue to update this summary as further measures are introduced across the country.

This roundup was last updated on January ~~11~~,¹², 2021. To see what has changed since our last update, please download our blackline, [here](#).

Federal

- **January 11, 2021:** The Government of Canada announced that, retroactive to January 3, 2021, all international travellers who need to quarantine upon return to Canada will not be eligible to receive support from any of the Canada Recovery Benefits for the period of their mandatory quarantine. An exception will be provided for individuals who are exempt from the mandatory quarantine requirements under the *Quarantine Act* ([link](#)).
- **December 23, 2020:** Health Canada announced that the second COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for use ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2020:** The Canada Revenue Agency launched the Canada Emergency Subsidy Registry. This web page will allow Canadians to identify which employers are using the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy to support jobs ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2020:** The Department of Finance announced proposed temporary adjustments to the automobile standby charge due to COVID-19 lockdown and public health measures. The proposal would allow employees to use their 2019 automobile usage to determine eligibility for the reduced standby charge ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance announced that the necessary regulatory changes have been made to raise the maximum wage subsidy rate to 75% under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. This change is applicable to the period from December 20, 2020 to March 13, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2020:** The Minister of National Revenue announced that the home office expenses deduction will be available to more Canadians and that the process for the claiming the deduction will be simplified on 2020 tax returns ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2020:** The Canada Revenue Agency announced new positions for employer-provided benefits pertaining to commuting and home office costs for the period of March 15, 2020 to December 31, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **December 10, 2020:** The Public Health Agency of Canada announced the implementation of a pan-Canadian no-fault vaccine injury support program for all Health Canada approved vaccines ([link](#)).
- **December 10, 2020:** The Government of Canada introduced legislation that would temporarily supplement provisions of the *Canada Elections Act* and mitigate potential challenges associated with administering an election during the pandemic in the event an election were to occur ([link](#)).
- **December 9, 2020:** Health Canada announced that the first COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for use ([link](#)).
- **December 7, 2020:** The Minister of Families, Children and Social Development announced a new temporary support through the Canada Child Benefit for families which children under the age of six ([link](#)).
- **December 7, 2020:** The Minister of Public Services and Procurement announced that Canada will receive up to 249,000 vaccine doses in December 2020, contingent upon Health Canada's approval of the vaccine ([link](#)).
- **December 3, 2020:** The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance introduced Bill C-14, which will implement measures from the *Fall Economic Statement* that will provide assistance to families with young children, support students, and invest in resources to protect the health and safety of Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **November 27, 2020:** The Government of Canada and the Government of Yukon announced a research program that focuses on gathering the unique information needed to support Yukon's strategic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** The Minister of Health announced \$6.5 million funding for Peel Public Health to establish a safe, voluntary isolation site. This site will help Canadians in the Region of Peel who have COVID-19 or have been exposed to it have accessible accommodations to keep themselves and their community safe ([link](#)).
- **November 24, 2020:** The Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Minister of Health announced that the Government of Canada has signed an agreement for an initial order of up to 26,000 doses of antibody therapy ([link](#)).
- **November 23, 2020:** The Minister of National Revenue is now accepting applications for the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy for the period from September 27 to October 24, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 20, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced that Bill C-9, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy)*, received Royal Assent. The measures adopted are the new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, new Lockdown Support under the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, and the extension of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy until June 2021 ([link](#)).

- **November 10, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced that it will purchase 7.6 million antigen rapid tests to ensure Canadians can quickly and easily access COVID-19 testing ([link](#)).
- **November 6, 2020:** The Government of Canada released guidelines on the safe restoration of court operations in northern, remote, and Indigenous communities ([link](#)).
- **November 2, 2020:** The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance introduced Bill C-9, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy)*, which would implement new, targeted support to help hard-hit businesses ([link](#)).
- **November 2, 2020:** The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food announced today that the Mandatory Isolation Support for Temporary Foreign Workers Program will be extended until November 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 28, 2020:** The Chief Public Health Officer of Canada released the *Report on the State of Public Health in Canada in 2020 – From Risk to Resilience: An Equity Approach to COVID-19*, which called for action in three key areas: (i) sustained leadership and governance at all levels for structural change, (ii) harnessing the power of social cohesion, and (iii) strengthened public health capacity ([link](#)).
- **October 26, 2020:** The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance announced that as early as October 26, 2020, the Canada Emergency Business Account will be available to businesses that have been operating out of a non-business banking account ([link](#)).
- **October 23, 2020:** The Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion announced the deadline to apply for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) to receive the one-time payment has been extended from September 25, 2020 to December 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 13, 2020:** The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) has launched a new customizable tool kit resource to help workplaces across Canada operate safely and prevent the spread of infection during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **October 13, 2020:** The Minister of National Revenue opened the application process for the Canada Recovery benefit ([link](#)).
- **October 8, 2020:** The Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister announced the government's intention to introduce new targeted supports for the hardest-hit businesses. The proposed legislation would include a new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, a top up to the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, extending the Canada Emergency Wage subsidy until June 2021 and expanding the Canada Emergency Business Account ([link](#)).
- **October 6, 2020:** The Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Minister of Health announced that the Government of Canada has signed a new agreement to purchase up to 20.5 million COVID-19 rapid tests ([link](#)).

- **October 5, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced that applications for the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit and Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit are now available and that applications for the Canada Recovery Benefit will open October 12, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 5, 2020:** The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food announced that applications for the Emergency On-Farm Support Fund are now open for some provinces ([link](#)).
- **October 2, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced that the Fish Harvester Benefit and Grant Program has been extended until October 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 2, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Chief Public Health Officer announced a public health awareness campaign entitled #CrushCOVID or #Écrasons la COVID to reach youth through major video games studios in Canada ([link](#)).
- **September 29, 2020:** The Documentary Organization of Canada released an online guide, *Documentary Production in the Era of COVID 19: Best Practices by and for Documentary Filmmakers*, which is aimed at helping filmmakers safely navigate working in the context of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **September 25, 2020:** The Government of Canada released a reminder about the transition from CERB to a more flexible EI program, which is scheduled to occur on September 27, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 24, 2020:** The Government of Canada introduced Bill C-2, which if passed as drafted, will create three new temporary Recovery Benefits for Canadians who are unable to work for reasons related to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **September 24, 2020:** As part of Bill C-2, the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion announced proposed amendments to the *Canada Labour Code* to ensure that federally regulated employees have access to job protected leave of absences ([link](#)).
- **September 24, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced its intention to amend and extend the application of the *Public Health Event of National Concern Payments Act* (PHENCPA), as part of Bill C-2 ([link](#)).
- **September 17, 2020:** Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) issued a reminder to all travelers who are celebrating the upcoming holidays of Rosh Hashanah (September 18 to 20, 2020) and Yom Kippur (September 27 and 28, 2020), that travel restrictions are still in place at all Canadian international border crossings including land, marine, air and rail ports of entry ([link](#)).
- **September 15, 2020:** Canada's Minister of Transport released the 2020 edition of Transport Canada's Emergency Response Guidebook which is a joint publication by Transport Canada, the United States Department of Transportation, the Secretariat of Transport and Communications of Mexico and the CIQUIME (Centro de Información Química para Emergencias) of Argentina ([link](#)).
- **September 15, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced new COVID-19 measures for youth and students which will support Canada's economic recovery and

future growth by providing young Canadians with the supports they need to stay in school and gain meaningful work experience for their long-term goals ([link](#)).

- **September 8, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced a one-month extension to the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program (CECRA) to help small businesses pay September rent ([link](#)).
- **August 31, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced that the application deadline for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) has been extended from August 31 to October 31, 2020.
- **August 14, 2020:** The Government of Canada released Canada's Flight Plan for safe air travel ([link](#)).
- **July 8, 2020:** Service Canada announced the gradual and safe reopening of in-person locations across the country ([link](#)).
- **July 3, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency announced that it will reduce service hours at additional land, air, and marine ports of entry ([link](#)).
- **July 2, 2020:** The Action Committee on Court Operations released approved national-level guidance on all phases in the jury trial process ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency has reminded all travelers that travel restrictions remain in place until July 21, 2020 at the earliest ([link](#)).
- **June 17, 2020:** Parks Canada announced that camping will resume gradually at a number of national parks and national historic sites starting on June 22, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 10, 2020:** The Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade announced that the Government has partnered with the People Outside Safely Together Promise program, an initiative launched by Canadian private sector organizations to help businesses across the country reopen safely ([link](#)).
- **June 9, 2020:** The Government of Canada launched a new web hub to bring together available resources for organizations buying and selling personal protective equipment ([link](#)).
- **May 20, 2020:** Canada's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, announced a new recommendation that Canadians wear non-medical face masks when in public and physical distancing may not be possible ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Canada launched Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) 2020, a job bank for young people ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** Parks Canada will gradually resume some operations at certain national parks, national historic sites, historic waterways, and national marine conservation areas starting June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **May 8, 2020:** The Canadian Department of Justice established an Action Committee on Court Operation in Response to COVID-19 which will focus on developing court-specific health and safety guidelines ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of Canada created the COVID-19 Supply Council to advise the government on the procurement of critical goods and services required as part of Canada's COVID-19 response and recovery ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Canada released a backgrounder on the fundamentals of return to work plans ([link](#)).

British Columbia

- **December 22, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced an *Emergency Program Act* order, which will place a temporary cap on fees charged to restaurants from food delivery companies to 15%. An additional cap of 5% is also included for other related fees associated with use of the service ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that the suspension of limitation periods to commence court proceedings will be lifted on March 25, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia enhanced the Small and Medium-Sized Business Recovery Grant program to make it easier for businesses to qualify ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that applications for the BC Recovery Benefit are now open ([link](#)).
- **December 14, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that business, recreation centres, or other organizations that organize or operate low intensity group fitness activities, may resume activities provided they follow certain guidelines ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that applications for the BC Recovery Benefit will open December 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 9, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that it is extending the freeze on rent increases until July 10, 2021 under the powers of the *Emergency Program Act* and *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* ([link](#)).
- **September 18, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced rent relief measures for outdoor adventure operators ([link](#)).
- **September 18, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia appointed ten businesses and industry leaders to a task force focused on reigniting BC's tourism sector ([link](#)).
- **September 17, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia released a new economic recovery plan ([link](#)).
- **September 9, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced it will invest \$1.6 billion in a fall and winter COVID-19 preparedness plan aimed at providing support to

seniors in long-term care and assisted-living facilities, ensuring greater access to the flu shot, and reducing the chance of transmission of COVID-19 in hospitals ([link](#)).

- **September 3, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia will receive additional federal funding to support a safe restart for BC schools, which will allow schools to expand health and safety measures, purchase more PPE and increase capacity for remote learning ([link](#)).
- **September 2, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia delayed implementation to April 2021 for changes to provincial sales and carbon tax ([link](#)).
- **August 26, 2020:** The Ministry of Education unveils back to school plans for K-12 families for all 60 school districts ([link](#)).
- **August 17, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announces updated health and safety guidelines for schools, which require masks to be worn by staff, middle and secondary students in high traffic areas or anytime outside of their learning group whenever physical distancing is not possible ([link](#)).
- **August 12, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announces hundreds of contact tracers to be hired in the province ([link](#)).
- **August 12, 2020:** In order to ensure that schools are ready to welcome students in September 2020, the Government of British Columbia announced that there will be a gradual restart to the school year in order to allow for extra time to orient students and staff on the new health and safety measures in place ([link](#)).
- **August 7, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer issues revised Mass Gatherings Order ([link](#)).
- **July 31, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer issues revised Restaurants, Pubs, Bars and Nightclubs Order ([link](#)).
- **July 30, 2020:** Most students in grades K-12 will return to school on Sept. 8, 2020, with full-time in-class learning as the province moves to Stage 2 of B.C.'s Education Restart Plan ([link](#)).
- **July 3, 2020:** With increased travel as British Columbia transitions to Phase 3 of BC's Restart Plan, passengers on the Province's inland ferry system are reminded to adhere to Transport Canada's COVID-19 safety protocols ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** Residents of British Columbia will begin the next phase of the Restart Plan with a gradual transition to Phase 3, which includes the safe and respectful return of travel and tourism within the province ([link](#)).
- **June 11, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia has created a ministerial order that protects amateur sport organizations, their employees and volunteers from COVID-19 related liability ([link](#)).

- **June 10, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer issued an order to Food Service Establishments and Liquor Services with updated conditions for the provision of food and drink services ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** The BC Ministry of the Attorney General announced it will allow hospitality licensees who have had to suspend their operations to sell their existing liquor stock to other licensees who are still operating and/or to private liquor stores ([link](#)).
- **May 30, 2020:** Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools will re-open to in-class learning on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia continues to assess health and safety measures in courthouses with the expectation that a limited number of courtrooms will open in the next few weeks ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer issued a Vending Market Order regarding the operation of farmer's markets ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia launched the B.C. Farm, Fish and Food Job Connector ([link](#)).
- **May 25, 2020:** Residents of British Columbia may now make camping reservations for campgrounds set to open on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 25, 2020:** The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia have published a list of guiding principles and assumptions that have been identified as foundational by the Provincial Health Officer for reintroducing health-care services in the context of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Liquor and Cannabis Regulation branch (LCRB) will now permit food-primary, liquor-primary and manufacturer licensees, such as wineries, breweries and distilleries, to apply through a simplified online process to temporarily expand their service areas to accommodate physical distancing ([link](#)).
- **May 16, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that businesses may begin to safely re-open starting May 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer made an order allowing owners and operators of places at which food and drink are served to begin providing services again, subject to certain conditions ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia released a set of WorkSafeBC guidelines to help businesses and organizations develop their plans to re-open safely ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that agriculture, seafood, and food processing businesses can begin to access consulting and planning services to help with COVID-19 response and recovery through the Agri-Business Planning Program ([link](#)).

- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia will gradually re-open schools starting June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** Effective May 19, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer cancelled the order that all personal services establishments must close made April 16, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced \$300,000 in Buy BC e-commerce funding to help farmers and food beverage processors overcome some lost sales during the COVID-19 pandemic by moving their products online ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced support for oil and gas service companies to clean up the environment and help restart the economy ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that Phase 2 of the Restart Plan is scheduled to begin after the May long weekend ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia launched a renewal plan for surgeries that were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 6, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced the province's Restart Plan, which will begin mid-May ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the temporary layoff period from 13 weeks to 16 weeks to permit employers to quickly resume operations when the health emergency ends ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia deferred renewal fees for liquor licencees experiencing financial hardship until September 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The British Columbia provincial court will take steps towards re-opening ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia released interim guidance to operators of hotels, motels, hostels, inns and other forms of travel accommodation for preventing the transmission of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** Premier John Horgan and public health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry have discussed re-opening the economy by mid-May, however plans have not yet been announced as the province continues to monitor COVID-19 developments.

Alberta

- **January 7, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced that all students will return to in-person learning on January 11, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that all travellers returning from the U.K. in the last 14 days, whether symptomatic or not, are strongly encouraged to get a COVID-19 test ([link](#)).

- **December 17, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that effective December 18, 2020, rapid testing will begin at long-term care and designated living facilities in the Edmonton Zone ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced new programs and supports that will be available for residents in communities with high rates of COVID-19 infection and transmission. These programs and supports include self-isolation hotels and financial aid, COVID care teams, and public awareness campaigns ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant is being expanded and increased, with a lower qualifying threshold and higher grant amounts ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that the province will soon begin piloting point-of-care rapid testing for COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **September 8, 2020:** Effective September 8, 2020, criminal jury selections and jury trials will resume at the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta ([link](#)).
- **September 3, 2020:** Dr. Hinshaw passed a CMOH order amending the requirements for residents in continuing care facilities ([link](#)).
- **September 3, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that table games will be permitted in casinos and racing entertainment centres provided that social distancing and other health measures are respected ([link](#)).
- **August 31, 2020:** Dr. Hinshaw passed a CMOH order mandating non-medical mask use for Grade 4 to 12 students, all staff, and visitors in indoor spaces including school buses and shared areas such as hallways ([link](#)).
- **August 28, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced their commitment to providing thousands of non-medical face masks to Alberta schools by end of day on August 28, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 4, 2020:** Mask use for Grade 4 to 12 students and all school staff will be mandatory when school returns for the 2020-21 year ([link](#)).
- **July 22, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that students will return to learning in classrooms for the 2020-21 school year ([link](#)).
- **July 5, 2020:** Distribution of free non-medical masks through certain restaurants will resume on July 13, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Effective June 30, 2020 the outdoor gathering limit has been increased from 100 to 200 people ([link](#)).
- **June 19, 2020:** Bill 24, the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, proposes amendments that introduce new measures to support Albertans as the province continues to reopen ([link](#)).

- **June 18, 2020:** Beginning June 20, 2020, various provincial historic sites will be reopening for the summer ([link](#)).
- **June 10, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that as of June 15, 2020, pharmacists in Alberta can begin to give out larger quantities again, up to a 100-days supply ([link](#)).
- **June 9, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that since the number of active COVID-19 cases are lower than expected, the government was accelerating the start of Stage 2 to June 12, 2020 and is moving some Stage 3 plans into Stage 2 ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** Starting June 8, 2020, more drivers seeking Class 1 to 4 licenses and health-care workers seeking Class 5 advanced licenses will be able to apply for road tests at select sites across the province ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** The Court of Queen's Bench will resume Criminal Appearance Court province-wide commencing June 5, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 30, 2020:** Calgary and Brooks will enter Stage One of Alberta's relaunch program on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 30, 2020:** Limitation periods and time periods that were suspended on March 30, 2020 by a ministerial order will resume on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Alberta partnered with the Canada Revenue Agency to create a Common Business Number which will streamline application processes and assist in COVID-19 recovery ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Alberta partnered with certain fast food chains to distribute non-medical masks at no cost through their drive-thru locations ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that preschools may re-open ([link](#)).
- **May 26, 2020:** The Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta will return to the legislature on May 27, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** Starting on May 25, 2020, hairstyling and barbershops will be permitted to re-open in Calgary and Brooks, and cafés, restaurants, pubs and bars can re-open for table service at 50 per cent capacity ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced the expansion of non-urgent surgeries to include more day surgeries and those requiring an overnight stay ([link](#)).
- **May 20, 2020:** The Provincial Court of Alberta has updated its plan for the staged resumption of court operations. The changes involve family mediation; the rescheduling and adjournment of provincial tickets, bylaws and other matters; and criminal adult out-of-custody criminal trials and preliminary inquiries ([link](#)).
- **May 20, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced new public health measures for international travellers, including a provincial checkpoint at the Edmonton and Calgary

airports, taking temperatures with infrared cameras and an isolation questionnaire to ensure compliance with mandatory isolation requirements. Provincial officials will follow up with arriving travellers within three days ([link](#)).

- **May 15, 2020:** Limits on outside gatherings which were previously restricted to 15 people have increased to a maximum of 50 people ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that workplaces are expected to develop and implement policies and procedures to address COVID-19, and these plans must be posted in places of business or online within seven days of the public being able to attend the business ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** Stage one of Alberta's relaunch plan began May 14, 2020 and allows for the resumption of operations in several sectors ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** As part of Alberta's relaunch plan, museums may begin to open starting May 14, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 11, 2020:** The Alberta Biz Connect web page provides business owners with information on health and safety guidelines for general workplaces, as well as sector-specific guidelines for re-opening businesses ([link](#)).
- **May 11, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that criminal matters, pre-trial conferences and pre-preliminary hearing conferences are now being conducted ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced the easing of certain measures. The Government of Alberta also announced that travel to summer homes, cabins, and cottages within the province will be permitted and that outdoor gun ranges may open so long as restrictions to ensure physical distancing are followed ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of Alberta released workplace guidance for re-opening businesses ([link](#)).
- **May 6, 2020:** The Court of Queen's Bench is now hearing summary dispositions virtually for civil cases where all parties consent to proceed virtually ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Alberta launched the ABTraceTogether app to assist in contact tracing while relaunching the economy. Alberta residents may voluntarily download the app ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Alberta released a phased relaunch strategy. The re-opening of things such as vehicle access to parking lots and staging areas in parks and on public lands will begin on May 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Alberta will allow residents in long-term care and supportive living environments to have outdoor visits with a designated essential visitor ([link](#)).

Saskatchewan

- **January 7, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan extended the application deadline for the Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy from December 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan opened applications for the Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 7, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced the Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate, which will assist businesses in adapting their business model to address the challenges caused by COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **December 4, 2020:** The Saskatchewan Health Authority announced that it will be moving forward with the next phase of its surge plan to meet the anticipated demand of COVID-19 patients ([link](#)).
- **November 3, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment program is being renewed for the period of December 1 to December 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** The Saskatchewan Health Authority announced that it is escalating its response to the COVID-19 case surge, using the Health System Readiness Plan to contain, delay, and mitigate the virus ([link](#)).
- **November 18, 2020:** The Deputy Premier and Finance Minister announced a new phase of the Saskatchewan Temporary Wage Supplemental Program (STWSP) targeted to workers in long-term care facilities, personal care homes, integrated healthcare facilities and for home care workers providing care to seniors on their own home ([link](#)).
- **September 24, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the Saskatchewan Tourism Support Program (STSSP) will be expanded to include additional businesses and organization in the event and accommodation sectors of the program ([link](#)).
- **August 11, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan, Education's Response Planning Team and Public Health Guidelines announce revised guidelines for Safe Schools Plan ([link](#)).
- **August 7, 2020:** Government of Saskatchewan makes four sets of temporary Regulations that permit remote witnessing of certain documents permanent ([link](#)).
- **August 7, 2020:** Government of Saskatchewan announces re-opening of summer activities in the provincial capital ([link](#)).
- **August 5, 2020:** All school divisions release detailed re-opening plans ([link](#)).
- **August 5, 2020:** The Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan announced that it will re-open on August 10, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **July 22, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced guidelines for yard and garage sales, and door-to-door canvassing and sales as a part of phase 4 of the re-open Saskatchewan plan ([link](#)).
- **July 16, 2020:** The Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) will re-open its doors this Friday, July 17, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 13, 2020:** Additional health services will resume offering services starting July 13, 2020 as outlined in Phase 3 of Re-Open Saskatchewan ([link](#)).
- **July 9, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced guidelines for temporary food vendors, racing and rodeos, banquet & conference facilities, and car show and trade shows as a part of phase 4 of Re-Open Saskatchewan ([link](#)).
- **July 6, 2020:** Starting August 4, 2020, the Office of Residential Tenancies (ORT) will begin accepting eviction applications from landlords for non-payment of rent ([link](#)).
- **July 5, 2020:** The Chief Medical Health Officer's public health order is amended to expand visitation guidelines to facilities including acute and long-term care, personal care and group home settings starting July 7, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Outdoor pools in Saskatchewan Provincial Parks will reopen starting July 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Beginning July 6, 2020, indoor pools, indoor rinks, indoor sports and activities, and the performing arts – including music, dance, and theatre – will be able to re-open as a part of Phase 4 of Re-Open Saskatchewan. Casinos and Bingo Halls will re-open starting July 9, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 28, 2020:** The Royal Saskatchewan Museum announced that it will not reopen immediately in order to ensure new safety and cleaning protocols are in place ([link](#)).
- **June 26, 2020:** The rest of Saskatchewan's Provincial Park camping inventory will re-open for the peak summer season ([link](#)).
- **June 23, 2020:** As of June 29, 2020, libraries, museums, galleries, movie theatres, and live theatres will re-open ([link](#)).
- **June 22, 2020:** The Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) is gradually resuming services starting this week ([link](#)).
- **June 19, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan released the Primary and Secondary Educational Institution Guidelines for the return to classroom learning in the fall ([link](#)).
- **June 11, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan has updated their guidelines for places of worship and graduation celebrations ([link](#)).
- **June 3, 2020:** The Saskatchewan Health Authority is easing restrictions on visitation privileges at Saskatchewan Health Authority facilities ([link](#)).

- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that places of worship and child care facilities can prepare to re-open for June 8, 2020 as part of Phase 3 of Re-Open Saskatchewan ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** Saskatchewan provincial park campgrounds will be allowed to re-open on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 26, 2020:** The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan will sit starting June 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 19, 2020:** Phase 2 of Re-Open Saskatchewan plan begins with retail, select personal services and public markets re-opening ([link](#)).
- **May 19, 2020:** The Saskatchewan Health Authority resumed some health services in varying parts of the province ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that as of May 15, 2020, golf courses and drive-in theatres may re-open. Phase 2 of Re-Open Saskatchewan will begin on May 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 6, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced a \$7.5 billion, two-year capital plan to stimulate Saskatchewan's economic recovery from the impact of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **May 5, 2020:** The Saskatchewan Health Authority announced that it will initiate a phased resumption of health care services starting on May 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** Phase 1 of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan has commenced. This phase allows public access to previously restricted medical services and provides specific guidelines regarding parks and campgrounds, boat launches, fishing and golf courses ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan made changes to the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, which will start on May 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan provided funding for a marketing campaign to encourage support for local businesses ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan stated that campsite reservations will open on May 4, 2020 with a camping start date of June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that anyone returning to work under Phase I and Phase II of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan will have access to licenced child care services ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan released information on the timing for the opening of campgrounds and the use of provincial parks ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan. The Re-Open Saskatchewan plan introduces five phases to re-open businesses and services across Saskatchewan, beginning May 4, 2020. It also

details physical distancing measures and restrictions that will remain in place throughout all five phases ([link](#)).

Manitoba

- **January 12, 2021**: [The Government of Manitoba extended the application deadline for the Manitoba Bridge Grant to January 31, 2021 \(link\)](#).
- **January 11, 2021**: The Government of Manitoba announced that the second round of applications for the Caregiver Wage Support program will be accepted until January 18, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 8, 2021**: The Education Minister announced the Basic Classroom Skills for Limited Teaching Permit Holders Program, which will bolster the number of substitute teachers and educational assistants for the 2020-2021 school year ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2020**: The Government of Manitoba announced that it will temporarily waive certain payments businesses and charities are required to put into pension plans ([link](#)).
- **December 17, 2020**: The Health, Seniors, and Active Living Minister announced that rapid testing for asymptomatic personal care home staff will be introduced in three licensed personal care homes ([link](#)).
- **December 11, 2020**: The Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister together with the Economic Development and Training Minister announced that the registration of 39 internationally educated nurses will be expedited ([link](#)).
- **December 10, 2020**: The Government of Manitoba announced that the proclamation of new legislation which allows retailers to stay open later on Sundays and holidays will be expedited ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020**: The Government of Manitoba announced an expansion and extension to the Manitoba Bridge Grant program, in order to protect more small businesses that are impacted by current public health restrictions ([link](#)).
- **December 4, 2020**: The Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living announced that the province has issued a ministerial order that enables professional nursing colleges to modify their criteria to allow licensed nurses from other provinces and retired nurses to work in Manitoba ([link](#)).
- **December 2, 2020**: The Health Seniors and Active Living Minister announced that Manitoba physicians who test positive for COVID-19, develop symptoms, are exposed to a confirmed case or are required to isolate will be compensated for their sick time away from work ([link](#)).
- **December 2, 2020**: A memorandum of agreement has been signed to enable nursing staff to be redeployed to areas of priority, as part of Manitoba's response to the pandemic ([link](#)).

- **November 20, 2020:** The Minister of Finance and Minister of Economic Development announced a new digital campaign that encourages safe, local shopping ([link](#)).
- **November 3, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced a plan to implement targeted, rapid testing for COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **October 26, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced plans to introduce amendments to the Employment Standards Code so more workers can take protected leave due to the COVID-19 pandemic and apply for federal benefits ([link](#)).
- **October 23, 2020:** The Minister of Health, Seniors, and Active Living announced that effective October 26, COVID-19 testing appointments will be available at rural and northern Manitoba sites ([link](#)).
- **October 19, 2020:** The Minister of Health, Seniors, and Active Living announced that effective October 20, 2020 an appointment-based scheduling system will be implemented in Winnipeg ([link](#)).
- **October 19, 2020:** The Minister of Health, Seniors, and Active Living announced that testing for COVID-19 will soon be available at community medical clinics ([link](#)).
- **October 7, 2020:** The Minister of Central Services announced that it will be taking additional steps to increase widespread use of the province's COVID-19 toolkit ([link](#)).
- **October 1, 2020:** The Health Canada COVID Alert app is now available to Manitoba residents and will provide digital COVID-19 exposure alerts once the app is downloaded to a smartphone ([link](#)).
- **September 7, 2020:** The Manitoba Courts issued a notice requiring all persons to wear masks in the Winnipeg Law Courts Complex including St. Boniface and all Winnipeg circuit points, effective September 8, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 24, 2020:** Visitors to all healthcare facilities will soon be required to wear non-medical masks ([link](#)).
- **August 18, 2020:** Following the Government of Manitoba's *Restoring Safe Schools K-12 Guidelines for September 2020*, individual school division plans have been posted online for parents and caregivers to review in order to prepare students for their modified learning experience ([link](#)).
- **July 30, 2020:** Classroom learning will resume on September 8 for all students in kindergarten through Grade 12 at schools across Manitoba ([link](#)).
- **July 24, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba released a revised phase four plan to restart the Province's economy ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba has released a planning framework for the resumption of in-class learning, with teachers and staff returning to classrooms on September 2, 2020, and students on September 8, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **June 23, 2020:** Manitoba's Residential Tenancies Branch extended provisions which protect tenants during the COVID-19 pandemic until September 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 22, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba is working to develop outdoor, all-season visitation shelters at personal care homes ([link](#)).
- **June 17, 2020:** The Premier of Manitoba announced a further easing of public health restrictions effective June 21, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 3, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced that it would be expanding visitor access at hospitals and health centres ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba launched Student Jobs MB, an online tool dedicated to matching students looking for job opportunities with employers ([link](#)).
- **May 27, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced that Phase Two of their restoring safe services plan will start on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced an increase to the limit on public gathering to no more than 25 people for indoor premises and 50 for outdoor areas, provided social distancing measures are in place ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** Manitoba is waiving big-game utilization requirements for 2020 to ensure that future allocations will not be affected by the loss of the spring season due to the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 21, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba unveiled a draft plan for the second phase of restoring safe services ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba released guidance regarding the use of provincial parks, campgrounds, and cottages ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba established the Premier's Economic Opportunities Advisory Board to chart Manitoba's course for re-opening its economy and renewing its growth in order to move the province forward from the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba will lift the one-month limit on filling prescriptions on May 11, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced a \$500 million infrastructure investment to restart the economy following the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba revised the *Restoring Safe Services: Manitoba's Pandemic and Economic Roadmap for Recovery* ([link](#)).
- **May 6, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced that fishing season will open on May 9, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Manitoba legislature will resume on May 6, 2020, as part of the gradual re-opening of the province ([link](#)).

- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced campground reservations will open offering staggered dates, starting May 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced a phased approach to opening the economy which will begin on May 4, 2020 ([link](#)).

Ontario

- **January 9, 2021:** The Government of Ontario expanded eligibility for the targeted emergency childcare program to include additional frontline workers ([link](#)).
- **January 6, 2021:** The Government of Ontario announced a voluntary and free border testing pilot program at Toronto Pearson International Airport for eligible international travellers returning to Ontario ([link](#)).
- **January 4, 2021:** The Government of Ontario announced support for home-based food businesses as part of the government's efforts to help small independent businesses during COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **December 30, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced legislation and regulation changes to support people and businesses in response to COVID-19. These changes will come into effect on January 1, 2021([link](#)).
- **December 28, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that it will open a new Specialized Care Centre to provide care for long-term care residents in the Greater Toronto Area who must be temporarily relocated because of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the long-term care homes ([here](#)).
- **December 22, 2020:** The Government of Ontario is expanding the Support for Learners program to include secondary school students ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2020:** The Government of Ontario is lowering electricity prices to a discounted off-peak rate 24/7 for all time-of-use and tiered customers ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced the *Ontario Small Business Support Grant*. Small businesses required to close or restrict services under the provincewide shutdown will be able to apply if they have less than 100 employees at the enterprise level and have experienced a minimum of 20% revenue decline in April 2020 compared to April 2019 ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that the *Supporting Local Restaurants Act, 2020* will come into effect on December 19, 2020. The Act requires food delivery companies to limit the rates they charge to 20% for each transaction, with no more than 15% for commission for food delivery services. This cap applies in areas where indoor dining is prohibited ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced an extension to the Infectious Disease Emergency Leave, under O. Reg 228/20, to July 3, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced the implementation of a special industry regulation, Regulation 764/20, which applies to the hospitality, tourism,

and convention and trade show industries. Regulation 764/20 permits employers and unions, if they both agree, to follow the rules set out in the regulation instead of subsection 67 (3) to (5) and (7) to (9) of the ESA ([link](#)).

- **December 14, 2020:** Effective on December 11, 2020, individuals requesting a COVID-19 test for international travel clearance are no longer eligible for a publicly funded COVID-19 test ([link](#)).
- **December 9, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that driver's license renewal requirements will temporarily be waived for all Class G and M drivers. Drivers will now be able to renew their licenses online ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of Ontario introduced the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act* that would, if passed, protect employers from an unexpected increase in WSIB premiums in 2021, while maintaining an increase to the maximum earnings cap for worker benefits ([link](#)).
- **December 1, 2020:** The Ontario Government announced its collaboration with leaders and experts in a wide variety of sectors, including pharmaceuticals, health care and logistics, to develop a plan for the safe and efficient distribution of COVID-19 vaccines ([link](#)).
- **November 25, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released guidelines for how to celebrate the Holiday season safely ([link](#)).
- **November 24, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced the deployment of COVID-19 rapid tests to regions of high transmission as well as rural and remote areas ([link](#)).
- **November 19, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced a series of education and enforcement campaigns to ensure that businesses across the province are taking the necessary steps to keep employees, consumers and the public safe ([link](#)).
- **November 18, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced an additional 13 Health Teams in an effort to help the province respond quickly and effectively to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **November 17, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that applications are now being accepted from municipalities under the new Local Government sub-stream of the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure program ([link](#)).
- **November 16, 2020:** The Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs announced a comprehensive strategy to prevent COVID-19 transmission, protect workers, and the province's food supply chain ([link](#)).
- **November 13, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that the thresholds for each level of the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework* will be lowered in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 ([link](#)).

- **November 6, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released a framework which categorizes public health regions into five levels: Green-Prevent, Yellow-Protect, Orange-Restrict, Red-Control and Lockdown under the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework* ([link](#)).
- **November 3, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*, which is designed to ensure that public health measures are targeted, incremental and responsive to help limit the spread of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **October 20, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced amendments to remove restrictions on in-person teaching and instruction for fire departments ([link](#)).
- **October 19, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released an action plan, *Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government*, to make government services more used-friendly and accessible during the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **October 14, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that they are hiring up to 600 new contact tracers and case managers to help track, trace, and isolate new cases of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **October 2, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that it is continuing the pause on any further reopening of businesses, facilities, and organizations for an additional 28 days, unless already permitted to open under O. Reg 364/20 ([link](#)).
- **October 1, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced updated COVID-19 school and child care screening guidelines ([link](#)).
- **September 29, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that all long-term care homes will have access to up to 8 weeks supply of PPE in order to prepare for future outbreaks. The supply will be available starting the week of October 5, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 28, 2020:** The Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Minister of Indigenous Affairs announced the creation of a new short-term Northern Ontario Recovery Program (NORP) to help businesses adapt to new COVID-19 public health guidelines and protect employees and customers ([link](#)).
- **September 25, 2020:** The Premier, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health released a comprehensive framework to help hospitals assess their readiness to begin planning for the gradual resumption of scheduled surgeries and procedures with the goal of reducing surgery backlogs and expanding access to healthcare ([link](#)).
- **September 24, 2020:** The Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health issued updated COVID-19 testing guidelines and recommended a shift away from untargeted asymptomatic testing ([link](#)).
- **September 24, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced a new COVID-19 testing initiative that will increase the number of testing locations, testing methods, capacity, and case and contact managers ([link](#)).

- **September 24, 2020:** The Minister for Seniors and Accessibility announced that the Ontario Community Support Program will be extended until March 2021 to ensure that seniors and people with disabilities who are self isolating due to COVID-19 can continue to have meals and other essentials delivered to their homes ([link](#)).
- **September 17, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has proposed legislation to freeze residential rent increases in 2021. The *Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020*, if passed as drafted, would also support Ontario's small businesses by extending the temporary ban on commercial evictions ([link](#)).
- **September 16, 2020:** The Ontario Government launched a new voluntary interactive screening tool ([available here](#)) to assist parents, students and staff with the daily assessment of COVID-19 symptoms and risk factors that is required before attending school ([link](#)).
- **September 11, 2020:** The Government of Ontario launched the COVID-19 school and licensed child care-specific web page ([link](#)).
- **September 8, 2020:** The Ontario Government announced that after the gradual reopening of provincial centres for apprenticeship and trade-related certification, all 24 centres across Ontario have now reopened and apprentices and skilled tradespeople can now book their final exams at their local apprenticeship office ([link](#)).
- **September 4, 2020:** The Ontario Government, in consultation with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the postsecondary education sector, has conducted extensive consultations to support a safe re-opening for the fall term ([link](#)).
- **September 3, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has expanded driver testing services with strict protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Effective September 8, 2020 Ontarians will be able to book class G road tests and access all classes of driver testing services at DriveTest centres across Ontario ([link](#)).
- **September 2, 2020:** As the province safely and gradually reopens and more people return to work, the Government of Ontario announced a partnership with public transit operators across the province to implement measures that will ensure transit workers and passengers can safely and confidently take public transit ([link](#)).
- **August 28, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that long-term care residents can once again leave their residences for short-stay and temporary absences ([link](#)).
- **August 26, 2020:** As part of Ontario's plan for students to safely return to the classroom in September, the Government has released the *Operational Guidance: COVID-19 Management in Schools* plan ([link](#)).
- **August 21, 2020:** Beginning August 21, 2020, facilities can have up to 50 guests for indoor meeting rooms and event spaces ([link](#)).
- **August 20, 2020:** The Ontario Government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, announced an extension of the orders under the *Reopening Ontario Act, 2020* ([link](#)).

- **August 10, 2020:** Windsor-Essex will move into Stage 3 on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit will join the rest of the province's 33 public health regions by entering Stage 3 ([link](#)).
- **August 4, 2020:** Windsor-Essex County Health Unit will remain in Stage 2 as the province continues to monitor local transmissions of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **July 31, 2020:** The Ontario Government, in consultation with the Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, has amended orders O. Reg 364/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 3 and O. Reg. 263/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 2 to implement additional measures for restaurants, bars, and other food or drink establishments, as the province reopens ([link](#)).
- **July 30, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released a plan for the safe reopening of schools for in-class instruction in September ([link](#)).
- **July 30, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced its plan to allow licensed child care centers across Ontario to open at full capacity starting September 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 29, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that the City of Toronto and Peel Region will move into stage 3 of reopening the province on July 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 22, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that seven more regions will move into stage 3 on July 24, 2020, increasing the number of businesses and public spaces that will reopen ([link](#)).
- **July 14, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that as part of the province's stage 3 of reopening nearly all businesses and public spaces can begin reopening, subject to specific exemptions noted by the Government ([link](#)).
- **July 13, 2020:** The Ontario government announced the start of a regional approach to Stage 3 of the province's reopening framework ([link](#)).
- **July 9, 2020:** The Ontario Government introduced the COVID-19 *Economic Recovery Act, 2020*, part of a made-in-Ontario plan to help boost the province's growth, renewal, and economic recovery ([link](#)).
- **July 5, 2020:** The Ontario Government supports restaurant and bar owners to reopen and safely serve more customers by issuing a new emergency order and amending another under s.7.0.2 (4) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act ([link](#)).
- **July 3, 2020:** Canadian armed forces have departed Ontario long-term care homes ([link](#)).
- **July 2, 2020:** The City of Toronto announced that effective July 2, 2020, face covering or masks are mandatory on all forms of public transit ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Ontario courts will resume in-person proceedings on Monday, July 6, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **June 30, 2020:** To celebrate Canada Day, the Government of Ontario announced that they will offer free admittance to all provincial parks on July 1, 2020. The Government noted that capacity will be limited and park visitors will be required to maintain appropriate physical distancing and should also wear a face mask ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** The Ontario Government announced that Windsor-Essex, with the exception of the Municipality of Leamington and the Town of Kingsville, will be allowed to move into Stage 2 of reopening ([link](#)).
- **June 22, 2020:** The Ontario Government is allowing more businesses and services to re-open by permitting the City of Toronto and Peel region to enter Stage 2 starting Wednesday, June 24, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 19, 2020:** DriveTest, Ontario's driver testing services, will begin offering limited services across the province beginning Monday, June 22, 2020, with the expectation to offer full services by September, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 19, 2020:** The Ontario Government released its safety plan for the resumption of classes for the 2020-21 school year which outlines scenarios for how students, teachers, and staff can return to classrooms safely in September, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 16, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released a new general workplace guide and toolkit to assist employers with developing a COVID-19 safety plan ([link](#)).
- **June 15, 2020:** The Ontario Government announced that an additional seven regions, including: Durham, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton, Lambton, Niagara and York, will be permitted to advance to Stage 2 starting June 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 13, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced the easing of restrictions on weddings and funeral ceremonies. Outdoor wedding and funeral ceremonies will be limited to 50 attendees and indoor ceremonies must be limited to a maximum of 30% of the venue's capacity ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** The Ontario Government announced that people throughout Ontario can now re-establish a social "circle" of no more than 10 people who can interact and come into close contact with one another without physical distancing ([link](#)).
- **June 11, 2020:** With the supply of many drugs and medications having stabilized in the province, the Government of Ontario is lifting the recommended 30-day supply limit for dispensing Ontario Drug Benefit program medications. Effective June 15, 2020, program recipients can return to filling up to 100-day supply at a time from their pharmacy or dispensing physician, when appropriate ([link](#)).
- **June 11, 2020:** The Ontario Government announced the gradual resumption of visits to long-term care homes, retirement homes, and other residential care settings ([link](#)).
- **June 10, 2020:** Beginning June 12, 2020, more facilities and services will be available at provincial parks in certain regions ([link](#)).

- **June 8, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that the province will be moving forward with a regional approach to Stage 2 of reopening. Effective June 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., the province will increase the limit on social gatherings from five to 10 people, regardless of whether a region has moved to Stage 2. All places of worship will be permitted to open, so long as physical distancing is maintained and attendance is limited to no more than 30 per cent of the building capacity. Additionally, some businesses and services will be permitted to reopen as of June 12, 2020 in regions entering Stage 2, so long as proper health and safety measures remain in place ([link](#)).
- **May 30, 2020:** Backcountry camping in Ontario Parks and on Crown land will be gradually re-introduced starting on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 26, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health issued an updated Directive #2 for Health Care Providers dated May 26, 2020, replacing the Directive #2 for Health Care Providers dated March 19, 2020. The updated directive reflects a gradual restart of deferred services ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The province is permitting Ontario corporations to conduct virtual meetings and to defer certain annual meetings in specified circumstances as part of the *COVID-19 Response and Reforms to Modernize Ontario Act, 2020* ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The province is investing in Ontario's first Virtual Action Centre, an online counselling and training portal, to support laid off and unemployed hospitality workers, and is helping apprentices by providing grants to purchase tools, protective equipment and clothing for their trade, along with forgiving previous loans to purchase tools ([link](#)).
- **May 20, 2020:** Ontario's Ministry of Health released specific recommendations on how to choose, wear and care for appropriate face coverings used in public where physical distancing is not possible, along with additional safety measures for provincial transit agencies ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced the relaxing of certain measures. Starting May 16, 2020, golf courses, marinas, private parks and campgrounds, and businesses that board animals may begin to re-open. Starting May 19, 2020, retail stores not located in shopping malls, seasonal businesses, animal services, household services, and certain health and medical services may re-open or resume ([link](#)).
- **May 11, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced the opening of retail stores for curbside pickup and delivery today ([link](#)).
- **May 9, 2020:** The Government of Ontario will start opening parks and conservation reserves as of May 11, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 9, 2020:** The Government of Ontario is protecting licensed child care in Ontario to ensure they remain sustainable and ready to open ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that professional sport training facilities will be permitted to reopen ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released a plan to resume scheduled surgeries and procedures ([link](#)).

- **May 6, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that all retail stores with a street entrance will be able to provide curbside pickup and delivery. Additionally, garden centres, nurseries, hardware stores and safety supply stores will be permitted to provide in-store payment and purchases. The government also announced the expansion of essential construction to allow below-grade multi-unit residential construction projects to begin and existing above-grade projects to continue ([link](#)).
- **May 5, 2020:** The Government of Ontario will allow licensed restaurants and bars to sell spirits with a food order at a lower price. The Government of Ontario has also eased requirements to allow cideries the ability to sell directly to consumers ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Small Claims Court announced that it will resume certain hearings by telephone or videoconference. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that certain businesses and workplaces may re-open on May 4, 2020, as long as they comply with strict public health measures and operate safely during the COVID-19 outbreak. Further information on the businesses permitted to re-open can be found [here](#).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released workplace safety guidelines to protect workers, customers, and the general public from COVID-19 as the province and businesses prepare for the gradual re-opening of the economy ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Ontario launched the *COVID-19: Tackling the Barriers* website to assist businesses in overcoming challenges created by COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 27, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released *A Framework for Reopening our Province*. It outlines the principles the government will use to re-open businesses, services and public spaces in gradual stages ([link](#)).

Québec

- **January 8, 2021:** The Minister of Education announced a series of new educational and health measures. A full list of the measures can be found [here](#).
- **January 4, 2021:** The Ministers of Health and Social Services and Higher Education announced the establishment of a scholarship program to encourage students in undergraduate nursing programs to volunteer in hospitals ([link](#)).
- **December 30, 2020:** The Government of Québec added flower shops to the list of authorized retail establishments and prohibited the operation of pet grooming businesses under the current public health emergency order ([link](#)).
- **December 23, 2020:** The Government of Québec published the official list of priority retail establishments that are permitted to remain open under the current public health emergency order ([link](#)).

- **December 23, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced relaxations to the criteria normally used to calculate the value of employees taxable benefits for use of an automobile in the 2020 and 2021 tax years ([link](#)).
- **December 17, 2020:** The Government of Québec extended the assistance program for the maintenance of essential regional air services until March 31, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 16, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that businesses that are required to close between December 25, 2020 and January 10, 2021 will be eligible for the Assistance to Businesses in Regions on Maximum Alert (AERAM) program ([link](#)).
- **December 16, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced a temporary simplified procedure for employees to claim telework expenses during the 2020 fiscal year ([link](#)).
- **December 11, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that emergency school daycare services will be provided from December 17-22, 2020 for students ages 4 to 13 whose parents have no other alternatives ([link](#)).
- **November 19, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that if the current epidemiological situation continues through mid-December, private gatherings will be authorized during the holiday season from December 24-27, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 17, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that professional and high level sports teams can resume training under certain conditions, including having a team bubble and 14-day isolation period prior to entering the bubble ([link](#)).
- **November 3, 2020:** The Minister of the Economy and Innovation issued a reminder for businesses in red zone regions that they may be eligible for support under the AERAM program ([link](#)).
- **October 16, 2020:** Prime Minister François Legault announced house-to-house candy collection will be permitted on Halloween, but has set out conditions that must be followed ([link](#)).
- **October 7, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that regulations regarding end-of-life visits will be relaxed, allowing family members to visit in certain circumstances ([link](#)).
- **October 6, 2020:** All Québécois are invited to download the COVID-19 exposure notification application, COVID Alert, which can now be used in Québec to fight the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **October 5, 2020:** The Minister of Education announced a new web platform, *Je réponds présent*, designed to speed up the recruitment of individuals who are interested in becoming janitors or educators in schools or daycares ([link](#)).
- **October 1, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that certain businesses subject to closures in regions on maximum alert will be eligible for loan assistance ([link](#)).

- **September 25, 2020:** The National Institute of Excellence in Health and Social Services announced that they will release two reports which will assess this risk of hospitalization for new confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection, along with projections of the number of hospitalizations and bed occupancies for people with COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **September 22, 2020:** The Minister of Education announced the establishment of a new initiative to encourage recently retired teachers to lend support to the school network ([link](#)).
- **September 10, 2020:** The Government of Quebec announced that it will hand out fines to those who refuse to wear masks ([link](#)).
- **August 19, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced various reopening measures related to educational and instructional services ([link](#)).
- **August 10, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that wearing a mask will be mandatory in Québec schools for all students from the third cycle of elementary school as well as secondary ([link](#)).
- **August 10, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced adjustments to its plan for the start of the school year to guarantee optimal learning conditions for students in a safe environment ([link](#)).
- **August 5, 2020:** The Government of Québec has authorized outdoor public place gatherings of up to 250 persons ([link](#)).
- **August 1, 2020:** The Government of Québec increased the order restricting indoor public places gatherings, including cinemas and theatres, from 50 people to 250 persons ([link](#)).
- **July 24, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that effective August 3, 2020, the maximum number of people allowed at indoor and outdoor events will increase from 50 to 250 people ([link](#)).
- **July 22, 2020:** The Government of Québec published the order mandating face covering on shared transportation effective July 27, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 20, 2020:** Effective July 20, 2020, the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec will gradually resume operations by offering pre-scheduled appoints for visits to one of the various consultation centres ([link](#)).
- **July 15, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that employees can return to the workplace, so long as employers ensure that capacity is limited to 25% (or less) at all times ([link](#)).
- **July 13:** The Government of Québec has announced that face covering will be mandatory as of July 18, 2020 in all indoor public spaces across the province. This would include, for example, shops, grocery stores, bars, restaurants, movie theatres, etc. ([link](#)).

- **July 10, 2020:** Effective July 13, 2020, all daycare services in Quebec will return to maximum occupancy ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Beginning July 13, 2020, all people 12 years of age and older must wear a face mask when taking public transportation ([link](#)).
- **June 29, 2020:** The AMF announced that examinations, currently suspended as a result of COVID-19, will resume on July 6, 2020 in Montreal and July 7, 2020 in Quebec ([link](#)).
- **June 28, 2020:** As of June 29, 2020, educational childcare services located in the Montreal Metropolitan Community (CMM), the regional county municipality (MRC) of Joliette, and the city of L'Épiphanie will be permitted to care for up to 75% of the maximum number of children indicated on their permits ([link](#)).
- **June 28, 2020:** The Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services announced new directives regarding the arrival of caregivers and visitors to hospital([link](#)).
- **June 26, 2020:** The Regional Authority for Metropolitan Transport informed customers that over the next few weeks, the validation of tickets, collection and access to buses from the EXO, RTL, STL, and STM networks will gradually return to normal ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** Order in Council revoking previously made orders, outlining exceptions to the two metre social distancing rules, and establishing new mass gathering guidelines for businesses and individuals ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** As of July 2, 2020, the Grand Bibliothèque is opening its doors and subscribers will be able to find books, records, films, video games, and other physical documents ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** As of June 25, 2020, sectors which were still confined (with three exceptions: (1) festivals and major events, (2) regular vacation camps with stay, and (3) fighting in a sports context) will resume ([link](#)).
- **June 23, 2020:** L' Aquarium du Québec will reopen on June 29, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 23, 2020:** The Québec City Convention Centre has received approval from Québec Public Health for their COVID-19 Health Security Plan and is ready to host events and gatherings safely once activities resume ([link](#)).
- **June 19, 2020:** The Québec Ministry of Health and Social Services announced its plan to reopen residential and long-term care centres ([link](#)).
- **June 18, 2020:** Effective June 22, 2020, childcare establishments located outside the Metropolitan Community of Montreal, the regional county municipality of Joliette and the City of L'Épiphanie will be able to receive 100% of the maximum number children indicated on their license ([link](#)).
- **June 18, 2020:** The General Directorate of Public Health has given the green light to the Quebec Government to abolish the rule of social distancing between children in the same group. Groups will remain limited to a maximum of 10 children ([link](#)).

- **June 17, 2020:** Order in Council noting that the suspension applicable to certain educational and instructional services will be lifted ([link](#)).
- **June 17, 2020:** The Musée de la Civilisation will re-open on June 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 17, 2020:** As of June 22, 2020, indoor sports facilities as well as public and private beaches will be able to reopen. Team sport matches may also resume, in accordance with public health directives ([link](#)).
- **June 16, 2020:** On June 20, 2020, Parc de la Chute-Montmorency will begin to partially re-open ([link](#)).
- **June 16, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that all schools will open in September 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 16, 2020:** Effective June 22, 2020, performance halls, theaters and cinemas will reopen at reduced capacity ([link](#)).
- **June 15, 2020:** The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Québec announced the launch of the Québec Digital Judicial Registry, which is intended for activities in Court of Québec and the Superior Court of Québec ([link](#)).
- **June 15, 2020:** Effective June 15, 2020, the Administrative Labor Court will commence in person hearings and conciliation sessions ([link](#)).
- **June 15, 2020:** Indoor gatherings of 50 people will be permitted starting June 22, 2020. People will be required to maintain two meters distance between each other or one and a half meters when entering or exiting a venue such as a university classrooms or a movie theater. Two meters distancing and masks are still recommended for venues with a high volume of people ([link](#)).
- **June 15, 2020:** Children 16 years old or younger can maintain a distance of one meter between each other starting June 22, 2020. Notably, this requirement will apply to daycares, schools and day camps ([link](#)).
- **June 13, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced an agreement with the provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to allow the passage of Québec tourists to the Magdalen Islands ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** Shopping malls in the Montreal region can reopen starting June 19, 2020, provided they conform to the safety and prevention measures provided by the public health authority ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** Service business locations such as travel agencies or shoemakers can reopen starting June 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the resumption of high-level sport activities and racetracks ([link](#)).

- **June 11, 2020:** The Government of Québec has initiated another phase of reopening of the tourism sector. Starting June 19, 2020, zoos, gardens, artisans, touristic farms and tourism information centres can resume their activities ([link](#)).
- **June 11, 2020:** The Government of Québec has announced that it will invest \$753 million to help restart the tourism industry ([link](#)).
- **June 10, 2020:** On June 15, 2020, training activities leading to a qualification will resume ([link](#)).
- **June 08, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that restaurants outside of Montreal can reopen starting June 15, 2020 and starting June 22, 2020 for restaurants within Montreal. Restaurants will have to respect a distance of 2 meters between clients of different households ([link](#)).
- **June 08, 2020:** CNESST has published a guide for restaurant employers to restart their activities safely ([link](#)).
- **June 08, 2020:** To maintain consistency with the reopening of restaurants, the Government of Québec also announced that indoor assemblies of 10 people or less, in residences or other private spaces, will now be permitted ([link](#)).
- **June 7, 2020:** Childcare service providers, with the exception of establishments located in the Metropolitan Community of Montreal, the Regional County Municipality of Joliette, and the town of L'Épiphanie, will be able to care for up to 75% of the maximum number of children indicated on their permit starting June 8, 2020.
- **June 5, 2020:** The Musée d'art Contemporain de Montréal (MAC) announced that it will reopen to visitors starting June 24, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 4, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the relaxation of facilitator to child ratios for day camps ([link](#)).
- **June 4, 2020:** Government of Québec announced that team sports will be allowed to resume starting with practices on June 8, 2020, so long as the directives of public health authorities are respected. Matches will likely be allowed to resume at the end of June ([link](#)).
- **June 2, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced an \$11 million fund to assist certified day camps with hiring staff and to help with the increased costs related to their operations in the context of the current pandemic ([link](#)).
- **June 1, 2020:** The Premier of Québec and the Minister of Culture and Communications announced a recovery plan for the cultural sector. The plan aims to stimulate artistic creation, revive the production of Québec cultural content and allow the community to adapt to new ways of reaching out to the public, in the context of the current pandemic ([link](#)).

- **June 1, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced a \$6 million investment to support the development of innovative technologies in the agriculture and food sectors ([link](#)).
- **May 30, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that outdoor spaces such as pools and playgrounds may open for the summer ([link](#)).
- **May 30, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced a partial lifting of the ban on open fires in or near the forest ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that personal service businesses such as hair salons, barbers, beauty centres, and tattoo parlors can re-open in the Metropolitan Community of Montreal starting June 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the removal of road checkpoints for la Côte-Nord starting June 1, 2020, and la Jamésie et des Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-James starting June 9, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced the resumption of hearings before the Régie du Logement starting June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Quebec announced that judicial activities will gradually resume in Quebec courthouses starting June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 27, 2020 :** Camp sites, marinas and tourism residences can re-open starting June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 27, 2020:** The CNESST published a guide specific to the camping and touristic lodging sectors ([link](#)).
- **May 26, 2020:** Shopping malls outside of the Montreal Metropolitan Community can re-open on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 26, 2020:** The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec will provide walk in services starting June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 25 2020:** The Government of Québec updated the list of sectors to re-open on June 1, 2020 to include therapeutic care, dental care, esthetic care and animal care sectors ([link](#)).
- **May 25 2020:** The CNESST is preparing guides in collaboration with public health for the re-opening of all sectors ([link](#)).
- **May 24, 2020:** The Minister of Transportation announced that mountain biking and motocross are now permitted ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Commission for Standards, Equity, Health and Safety at Work (CNESST) is making specific tools available to support employees in museums and libraries in re-opening ([link](#)).

- **May 21, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that summer day camps may reopen as of June 22, 2020, with reduced counsellor/camper ratios and other distancing and hygiene measures. Sleepaway camps will remain closed until summer 2021, however, specialized sleepaway camps for children with disabilities will operate during summer 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 21, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that as of June 1, 2020 private health care as well as body and beauty care providers outside the Metropolitan Community of Montreal (CMM) may reopen. This includes dental care, optometry, physiotherapy, osteopathy, hairdressing and esthetic services. Within the CMM and in the MRC de Joliette, only dental care, therapeutic care and animal grooming care may resume on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 20, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the easing of restrictions on outdoor gatherings. Starting Friday, May 22, 2020, residents will be able to gather outdoors in groups up to 10 from three households, provided they respect physical distancing. Indoor gatherings remain prohibited ([link](#)).
- **May 18, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that it will end restricted hours of operation one week earlier than expected. As of May 24, the usual regulations concerning hours of operation will apply. All commercial establishments currently authorized to open their doors will be able to reopen on Sundays ([link](#)).
- **May 18, 2020:** The Government of Québec confirmed the reopening of some stores and childcare services in the Montreal region in the coming weeks. Shops with an exterior customer door can open on May 25, 2020. Educational childcare services for children can open on June 1, 2020. Retail businesses that do not have direct access to the outside must remain closed until further notice ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the gradual resumption of medically assisted procreation starting May 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Québec will begin to remove certain highway checkpoints that have been preventing inter-regional travel starting May 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Québec Standards, Equity, Health and occupational safety (CNESST) released a guide on health standards in the workplace in respect of leisure, sport and outdoor activities with a view to a gradual and safe recovery ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced certain recreational activities such as golf, cycling, tennis and hiking will resume starting May 20, 2020. The provincial SEPAQ parks will be going to re-open on May 20, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** Premier François Legault recommended that all Quebecers continue to take all usual precautions in order to reduce as much as possible the risks of spread of COVID-19, including wear a mask or face covering when leaving their house ([link](#)).
- **May 11, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the re-opening of the manufacturing sector ([link](#)).

- **May 11, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the resumption of work at all construction sites ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that real estate brokers working in the residential and commercial sector, land surveyors, building inspectors and appraisers as well as certified appraisers may resume activities on May 11, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that all construction work may resume on May 11, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of Québec postponed the re-opening of retail stores with exterior operating doors, schools, and child care services in Montreal until May 25, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 5, 2020:** The Government of Québec released a guide and checklist for maintaining safety on busses, trains and the metro ([link](#)).
- **May 5, 2020:** The Government of Québec relaxed certain containment measures in the various living environments for seniors and for persons with an impairment or an autism spectrum disorder ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of Québec released a guide, poster, and daily checklist for maintaining safety in school environments ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of Québec released a *Guide to Health Standards in the Workplace for Child Care* and a *Guide for Family Child Care* ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The opening of retail operations with an exterior operating door in the Montreal region has been postponed to May 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** Parliamentary leaders have agreed on the terms for the gradual resumption of parliamentary business at the National Assembly of Quebec ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced a plan to gradually withdraw police checkpoints and re-open regions of Québec ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** Retail operations outside of the Montreal region with exterior operating doors will be allowed to open May 4, 2020, and those inside the Montreal region may re-open May 11, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** Manufacturing companies in all regions of Québec may resume activities on May 11, 2020, with a maximum of 50 workers + 50% of surplus employees per shift at any time on the same site. On May 25, 2020, manufacturing companies from all regions of Québec may resume activities ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that on May 11, 2020 the construction industry can re-open ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** With the gradual re-opening of businesses, the CNESST has published a guide of sanitary norms to protect workers from COVID-19 ([link](#)).

Newfoundland and Labrador

- **January 8, 2021:** The Government of Newfoundland announced that applications for the Tourism and Hospital Support Program are being accepted until January 29, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 30, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland extended the reporting deadline for the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Statutory Review until March 31, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2020:** The Minister of Industry, Energy, and Technology announced that the deadline for the Small Business Assistance Program has been extended until December 22, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **December 2, 2020:** The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture announced that the Provincial Government will carry over 25 per cent of unsold 2020 non-resident moose licences to the 2021 hunting season in eligible areas ([link](#)).
- **November 23, 2020:** The Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities announced that applications for the province's COVID-19 Stimulus Program are now open. The deadline to submit an application is December 7, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 22, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland announced that they will extend MCP dental coverage under the Children's Dental Health Program for those children whose benefits expired while dental offices were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **September 14, 2020:** Public consultations concerning Newfoundland and Labrador's workers' compensation system have resumed, following a delay earlier this year due to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **September 9, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland announced that, effective September 10, 2020, operators of personal care homes, long-term care facilities, community care homes, and assisted living facilities are permitted to allow their staff to work across multiple health care locations ([link](#)).
- **September 3, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland announced a new set of measures for a healthy and safe return to school ([link](#)).
- **August 27, 2020:** Effective Monday, August 31st, people living outside Atlantic Canada in any other Canadian province or territory who own a second home, vacation home, or cabin in Newfoundland and Labrador will be allowed to enter the province to attend their residence ([link](#)).
- **August 7, 2020:** The provincially-owned and operated pools in Gander and Corner Brook will re-open on Monday, August 10 ([link](#)).
- **July 7, 2020:** Beginning Tuesday, July 14, Service NL's Motor Registration Division and Government Service Centres will begin their next phase of resuming services ([link](#)).

- **July 6, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland announced its plan for returning K-12 students to school starting September ([link](#)).
- **July 6, 2020:** The Provincial Parks Campsite Reservation Service will open additional campsites for reservations on Wednesday, July 8 ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Provincial historic sites across the province will re-open their doors in a multi-phased approach ([link](#)).
- **June 29, 2020:** New summer schedules for some provincial ferry routes will begin on Wednesday, July 1 ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** The Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the re-opening of interprovincial travel between the southern Labrador-Québec border and the Labrador West-Québec border ([link](#)).
- **June 24, 2020:** Effective June 25, 2020, Newfoundland and Labrador will enter Alert level 2 which allows for the re-opening of more businesses and an increase in social activities ([link](#)).
- **June 24, 2020:** Interprovincial travel without the requirement to self-isolate will be permitted in Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, PEI, and Nova Scotia, for residents of Atlantic Canada as of July 3, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 9, 2020:** Beginning June 11, 2020, the Provincial Parks Campsite Reservation Service will begin accepting reservations for the 2020 camping season for all Provincial Parks ([link](#)).
- **June 7, 2020:** Effective June 8, 2020, Newfoundland and Labrador will enter Alert Level 3. The focus of Alert Level 3 is to control the transmission of COVID-19, while further relaxing public health measures ([link](#)).
- **June 4, 2020:** Starting June 8, 2020, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will begin the process of gradually increasing the number of public service employees in physical workplaces ([link](#)).
- **June 1, 2020:** The Speaker of the House of Assembly announced that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador would like the House of Assembly to reconvene on June 9, 2020 for the purpose of conducting public business not attended to due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 27, 2020:** The Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development began reinstating in-person family visitation where it is in the best interest of children and youth in care ([link](#)).
- **May 10, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced that the easing of measures associated with Alert Level 4 will begin on May 11, 2020 and will include gatherings of up to 10 people in public spaces, the resumption of some healthcare services and the re-opening of some businesses ([link](#)).

- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced that the province is now lowered to Alert Level 4 and some health restrictions will be eased, including travel restrictions on provincial ferries ([link](#)).
- **May 5, 2020:** The House of Assembly passed a resolution to establish a Select Committee of Rules and Procedures Governing Virtual Proceedings of the House of Assembly, which will determine the manner in which the House may conduct virtual proceedings ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Minister responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation announced initiatives to support business recovery, such as the waiver of liquor licence fees for the 2020-21 fiscal year and discounts wines and spirits, and ready to drink beverages ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** Households may now join with one other household to form a two-household bubble ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health announced A Foundation for Living with COVID-19 which provides five alert levels for the gradual relaxation of restrictions. Households may now interact with one other household to form a household bubble ([link](#)).

New Brunswick

- **January 5, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced additional relief for small businesses impacted by COVID-19 in the form of a non-repayable grant ([link](#)).
- **December 23, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that its COVID-19 vaccination program is now underway at the Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre for Zone 1 front-line health-care workers ([link](#)).
- **December 10, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that Zone 2 (Saint John region) will return to the Yellow level effective midnight tonight ([link](#)).
- **December 6, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that Zone 1 (Moncton region) and Zone 3 (Fredericton) will return to the Yellow level effective midnight tonight ([link](#)).
- **November 10, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that parents and guardians can now access their child's COVID-19 test results online ([link](#)).
- **October 12, 2020:** Service New Brunswick has made changes to services in Orange zones and is reducing some services in Zone 1 (Moncton region) and Zone 5 (Campbellton region).
- **September 18, 2020:** A COVID-19 exposure notification app has been made available to residents of New Brunswick ([link](#)).
- **September 17, 2020:** Residents of the Témiscouata Municipal Regional County in Quebec, along the northwestern New Brunswick border, will not be permitted to enter the province for day trips effective immediately ([link](#)).

- **September 8, 2020:** Elections New Brunswick outlined the reporting process that will provide the results of the upcoming provincial general election, after the polls close at 8 p.m. on September 14, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 3, 2020:** Operational plans for the safe return to school are now available online. Parents are encouraged to visit the website of their child's school or school district for up to date information on the return to school in September 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 2, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick has announced that students may participate in music education and related activities during the upcoming school year. The Government further announced that classroom bubbles or groupings will be introduced in the upcoming school year in order to help protect the health and safety of students in kindergarten to Grade 8 by limiting their contacts and facilitating contact tracing, if required ([link](#)).
- **August 25, 2020:** The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, in consultation with Public Health officials, have released return to school plans which outline how students will participate in sports and extracurricular activities ([link](#)).
- **August 17, 2020:** Following the call for a provincial election to be held on September 14, 2020, the Chief Electoral Officer cautioned that it will take time to re-open all 50 offices to the public and candidates ([link](#)).
- **August 13, 2020:** The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development released a detailed guide supporting the Return to School September 2020 plan for the public-school system ([link](#)).
- **July 1, 2020:** All Service New Brunswick Centres will reopen by July 13 ([link](#)).
- **June 29, 2020:** The Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development lifted all restrictions on Crown land that were put in place earlier this month ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** Effective June 25, 2020, zone 5 will join the rest of the province in the yellow level of reopening ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** Starting today, the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development has resumed limited activities on Crown land ([link](#)).
- **June 24, 2020:** Interprovincial travel without the requirement to self-isolate will be permitted in Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, PEI, and Nova Scotia, for residents of Atlantic Canada as of July 3, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 19, 2020:** The provincial government's COVID-19 recovery plan is moving to the next phase of the yellow level today for all areas of the province except Zone 5, and includes the gradual reopening of more businesses and activities while working to prevent a resurgence of the virus ([link](#)).
- **June 9, 2020:** Courts across the province have now resumed full dockets. While courts have returned to near normal dockets, it will not necessarily be business as usual.

Alternative options for attending court, such as telephone or video conferencing for certain types of hearings, will remain in place ([link](#)).

- **June 5, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that as the “yellow” level progresses, more restrictions will continue to be eased. As part of this easing of restrictions, among other activities, low-contact sports and certain indoor recreation facilities will be permitted to re-open ([link](#)).
- **June 4, 2020:** Service New Brunswick centres in Sussex and Tracadie will begin taking appointments starting June 4, 2020 for services that cannot be delivered online or by phone ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** Service New Brunswick is preparing to resume Class 5 driver road tests ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The provincially run Mactaquac Golf Course is scheduled to re-open on June 5, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick is moving to the “yellow” level of its recovery plan. Effective immediately, the province is recommending gatherings indoors be limited to 10 or fewer people. Non-regulated health professionals and businesses and personal services may re-open, also effective immediately. Further re-opening will take place on May 29, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 21, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that driver’s licence renewals, which normally require an in-person visit to a Service New Brunswick centre and were thus suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions, are now renewable online ([link](#)).
- **May 19, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that teachers will begin to return to schools as early as June 1. Schools will remain closed for students ([link](#)).
- **May 18, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick reminded tenants that the section of the province’s state of emergency legislation which prevented evictions for non-payment of rent will end on May 31 ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General announced that the Court of Queen’s Bench in the judicial district of Fredericton will move all of its matters to the Fredericton Convention Centre. The decision is meant to accommodate spacing requirements to hold jury selections and jury trials ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that provincial libraries are preparing to open ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick released guidelines for farmers markets that are permitted to re-open ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that provincial parks and other major tourism attractions will re-open in the coming weeks ([link](#)).

- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that they transitioned to Phase 2 of their recovery plan ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick launched JobMatchNB, a virtual job matching platform to connect New Brunswickers with available positions ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that it is transitioning to the orange phase of the recovery plan, aimed at re-opening social and economic settings while preventing a resurgence of transmission ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced the first phase of New Brunswick's recovery plan and the loosening of some public health restrictions ([link](#)).

Nova Scotia

- **December 31, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that restaurants and licensed establishments in Halifax Regional Municipality and Hants County can reopen for dine-in service starting January 4, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that the deadline for asymptomatic individuals to book a COVID-19 test has been extended into January 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 13, 2020:** The deadline for asymptomatic individuals to book a COVID-19 test has been extended until December 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **December 10, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that the holiday break for public school students will be extended until January 11, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 9, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that the physician payment codes for virtual care options have been extended until March 31, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 7, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that starting December 8, 2020, asymptomatic individuals can book a COVID-19 test ([link](#)).
- **December 7, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that all students who are recipients of Nova Scotia Student Assistance for the 2020-2021 school year will receive a one-time COVID-19 Response Grant ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** A one-time grant of up to \$5,000 is being made available to support businesses in Halifax Regional Municipality and Hants County that have been ordered by Public Health to temporarily close in response to rising cases of COVID-19 in their communities ([link](#)).
- **November 24, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced the implementation of a broad asymptomatic testing strategy for people attending or employed by late-night bars and restaurants. Specifically, the Government has encouraged anyone who works at a licensed establishment or attended a bar or restaurant in Halifax Regional Municipality after 10 p.m. in the last two weeks, to be tested irrespective of if they are asymptomatic ([link](#)).

- **November 19, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced the establishment of six Regional Care Units to protect the health and safety of seniors in long-term care from the spread of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **November 3, 2020:** The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development announced that public school gyms will gradually reopen to community groups for physical activity and sports ([link](#)).
- **October 29, 2020:** The Minister of Business announced the Tourism Accommodations Real Property Tax Rebate Program to help with COVID-19 recovery. The program will provide a 25 percent rebate to qualified operators and opens on November 16, 2020. ([link](#)).
- **October 15, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that the COVID Alert App is now available for Nova Scotians to download ([link](#)).
- **October 6, 2020:** The Premier announced that the province is increasing its testing capacity through increased capacity at individual testing centres, increased speed of testing for children, and increased lab capacity ([link](#)).
- **October 1, 2020:** Premier Stephen McNeil and Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health, announced that improvements are being made to ensure Nova Scotians with symptoms of COVID-19 get tested faster. The first step is a new online COVID-19 self-assessment tool, which will dramatically reduce the wait time for screening ([link](#)).
- **September 25, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that physicians' payment codes for virtual patient visits will continue to be available until December 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 22, 2020:** Easing of restrictions in long-term care facilities has allowed residents the opportunity to enjoy off-site day visits with family in their homes ([link](#)).
- **September 16, 2020:** Tourism Nova Scotia launched new marketing campaigns encouraging locals and Maritimers to keep rediscovering Nova Scotia throughout the fall ([link](#)).
- **September 11, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced the easing of some self-isolation requirements for out-of-province rotational workers upon their return to Nova Scotia ([link](#)).
- **September 8, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced a further easing of restrictions in long-term care homes to allow designated caregivers to help care for and support residents ([link](#)).
- **September 2, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia has announced a back to school plan in order to facilitate the safe return of students and staff to the classroom ([link](#)).
- **August 26, 2020:** Nova Scotia announced the easing of restrictions in long-term care facilities, increased gatherings, and sets group size of 15 children for before and after-school care programs ([link](#)).

- **August 20, 2020:** Post-secondary students entering the province from outside Atlantic Canada will be required to be tested for COVID-19 and self-isolate for 14 days ([link](#)).
- **August 14, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia revised the province's back to school plan to mandate non-medical masks for students in grades 4 to 12 ([link](#)).
- **July 30, 2020:** Nova Scotians without ready access to non-medical masks can now get reusable, cloth masks free at all public libraries and 23 provincial museums ([link](#)).
- **July 24, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that effective July 31, 2020, masks will become mandatory in most indoor public places ([link](#)).
- **July 22, 2020:** Public school students across Nova Scotia will return to class in September 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 10, 2020:** Visitor information centres on the Halifax waterfront, Amherst, Peggy's Cove, Port Hastings and Yarmouth have reopened, offering in-person visitor services and trip counselling in ways that are safe for both staff and visitors ([link](#)).
- **July 7, 2020:** Border tracking form for non-bubble travelers to Nova Scotia is available online ([link](#)).
- **July 3, 2020:** Provincial campgrounds in Nova Scotia have reopened for Atlantic Canadian residents ([link](#)).
- **July 2, 2020:** Effective July 3, 2020, travelers from other Atlantic Canadian provinces will be required to show proof of residency before being granted access into the province ([link](#)).
- **June 26, 2020:** Effective Friday, July 3, recognized business and organization can begin planning outdoor events of up to 250 people so long as appropriate physical distancing can be maintained. Additionally, indoor events will be increased to a maximum limit of 50% capacity or 200 people ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** Some provincial museums will reopen starting July 1, 2020. Visitors will be required to practice physical distancing and follow the site-specific guidelines ([link](#)).
- **June 24, 2020:** Interprovincial travel without the requirement to self-isolate will be permitted in Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, PEI, and Nova Scotia, for residents of Atlantic Canada as of July 3, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 18, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health for Nova Scotia announced that people can gather in groups of up to 10 without physical distancing. Gatherings of up to 50 will also be permitted, but people must observe physical distancing of at least 2 meters ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health released COVID-19 guidelines that all summer day camps must follow ([link](#)).
- **June 10, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced the easing of some visitor restrictions in long-term care homes and homes for persons with disabilities ([link](#)).

- **June 2, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that licensed child care centres and family daycare homes can re-open starting June 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia increased the gathering limit to 10 people ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Shubenacadie Wildlife Park will re-open on June 1, 2020, and provincial campgrounds can re-open on June 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 27, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that most businesses required to close under the public health order can re-open starting June 5, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced the easing of certain public health measures. Families may now create a family bubble between two immediate family households. Additionally, a variety of outdoor activities are now permitted ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia plans to re-open daycares on June 8, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced the easing of some public health restrictions around outdoor and recreational activities ([link](#)).

Prince Edward Island

- **January 6, 2021:** The Chief Public Health Officer recommended that New Brunswick workers travelling to Prince Edward Island, for the purposes of entering workplaces or homes, get tested for COVID-19 while in PEI ([link](#)).
- **January 5, 2021:** The Premier and Chief Public Health officer announced further easing of certain public health measures, effective January 6, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 24, 2020:** The Government of PEI announced that COVID-19 drop-in testing sites will have modified hours over the holidays ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Chief Public Health Officer announced that effective immediately, restrictions will be eased at all hospitals and health care centres ([link](#)).
- **October 27, 2020:** Tourism PEI announced that they will be waiving fees for the 2021 season to support tourism operators impacted by COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **October 22, 2020:** Innovation PEI announced it has temporarily increased funding to eight programs to support PEI businesses impacted by COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **October 8, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that the COVID-19 alert app is now available for Islanders to use ([link](#)).
- **October 5, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that workers who travel outside of the Atlantic bubble can now apply to work-isolate upon their return to Prince Edward Island if they undergo COVID-19 testing ([link](#)).

- **September 29, 2020:** The Chief Public Health Officer announced that starting October 1, 2020 the Province will move into the “New Normal” phased of the Renew PEI, Together plan ([link](#)).
- **September 11, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that Access PEI’s office in Charlottetown will open on Saturday mornings to serve more Islanders and alleviate wait times ([link](#)).
- **September 8, 2020:** Health PEI has expanded access to COVID-19 testing with new drop-in, no-appointment screening clinics located across the province ([link](#)).
- **September 4, 2020:** Islanders who have tested negative for COVID-19 can now access their negative test results online ([link](#)).
- **September 2, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that students will be able to participate in some school sports once school resumes. The Prince Edward Island School Athletic Association (PEISAA) is working in consultation with the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, education authorities, school administrators, athletic directors and the Chief Public Health Office to ensure public health guidance is followed ([link](#)).
- **August 28, 2020:** Prince Edward Island announced an easing of travel restrictions in order to allow Canadian citizens and permanent residents who are family members of seasonal residents to travel to Prince Edward Island. Visiting family members will be required to complete a 14-day self-isolation upon arrival ([link](#)).
- **August 14, 2020:** Schools across the province of Prince Edward Island have released individual plans for students, families and staff to review as they prepare for a safe return in September ([link](#)).
- **August 5, 2020:** Public schools across the province will return to full-time in-class learning on September 8, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 4, 2020:** Beginning September 1, all 152 early learning and child care centres across the Island will begin operating at full capacity ([link](#)).
- **July 16, 2020:** All public libraries across the province will reopen to Islanders with some reduced services and safety measures in place beginning July 20, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 2, 2020:** Prince Edward Island announced that it will join residents of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland in an Atlantic Canada travel bubble starting Friday, July 3, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Provincial Park campgrounds will reopen for reservations with a minimum duration of two-nights starting Wednesday, July 8 ([link](#)).
- **June 24, 2020:** Interprovincial travel without the requirement to self-isolate will be permitted in Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, PEI, and Nova Scotia, for residents of Atlantic Canada as of July 3, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **June 23, 2020:** Prince Edward Island will move to further relax restrictions as Phase 4 begins on Friday, June 26, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that Phase 3 of the *Renew PEI, Together* plan will start on June 1, 2020. Phase 3 includes the re-opening of provincial parks for day use, provincial libraries, and liquor and cannabis stores ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that restrictions will be relaxed on gathering size, long term care visitation, restaurants and recreational activities starting June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that certain education and child care restrictions will be eased starting June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 25, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced the creation of Renew PEI: Council for Recovery and Growth, aimed at modernizing health care services, enhancing student learning, and improving frontline government services ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island is re-opening select government services on May 22, 2020, including municipal advisory services, cannabis stores, and others ([link](#) to announcement; [link](#) to list).
- **May 15, 2020:** The province of Prince Edward Island plans to enter Phase 2 of Renew PEI, Together on May 22, 2020, which will include an increase in the availability of licensed child care centres and home-based child care centres ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The spring lobster season will open on May 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced the easing of restrictions related to gatherings ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** Select Access PEI locations will open on May 12, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 5, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced the COVID-19 Agriculture Labour Support Initiative to connect individuals interested in working on a farm with agricultural businesses through WorkPEI ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** Phase 1 of the *Renew PEI, together* plan that was announced on April 28, 2020, has started. As part of this phase, limited outdoor gatherings and non-contact recreational activities are permissible, select outdoor and construction services will resume, and there will be a reintroduction of non-urgent health care services ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced school-based learning will resume for certain individuals, such as those who receive individualized educational supports ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced their plans to re-open businesses starting May 1, 2020 ([link](#)).

Yukon

- **December 14, 2020:** The Tourism and Culture minister released the *Tourism Relief and Recovery Plan*, the Government's strategic guide to stabilizing and rebuilding the territory's tourism sector in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **December 1, 2020:** The Tourism and Culture Minister announced the implementation of the Tourism Non-Accommodation Sector and the Culture and Tourism Non-profit Sector relief programs ([link](#)).
- **November 27, 2020:** The Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada announced a research program that focuses on gathering the unique information needed to support Yukon's strategic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **September 24, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that the Business Relief Program has been extended until March 31, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **August 13, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced updates on school operational plans and school busing for the 2020–21 school year ([link](#)).
- **August 4, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that Whitehorse students will resume classes on August 20, 2020 for the 2020-21 school year ([link](#)).
- **July 30, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that Phase 3 of Yukon's plan for safely lifting COVID-19 public health measures will begin on August 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 9, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced preliminary operational and learning planning for Yukon schools for the 2020–21 school year today ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Effective July 1, 2020, all persons must wear a face mask while inside airports ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Visitor Information Centres will begin reopening across the territory starting July 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Phase 2 of Yukon's plan for easing COVID-19 restrictions will begin July 1, 2020. This will allow residents of the Yukon, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut to enter Yukon without self-isolating ([link](#)).
- **June 25, 2020:** The Government of Yukon's Motor Vehicle Branch will resume offering regular road tests starting July 2, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 18, 2020:** As of July 1, 2020, Yukon restaurants can increase their capacity from 50% to 100%, outdoor gatherings may have up to 50 people in attendance, and dental professionals may resume offering full dental services ([link](#)).
- **June 11, 2020:** The Government of the Yukon announced the resumption of recycling services ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** Beginning June 7, 2020, places of worship will be permitted to open ([link](#)).

- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Yukon is predicting that Phase II of their re-opening plans will begin on July 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that Territorial parks and campgrounds will re-open on June 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 26, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced the approval for opening certain day camps and re-opening of the Canada Games Centres ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced the re-opening of personal service businesses and restaurants starting May 27 and May 29, 2020 respectively ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Yukon released A Path Forward: Yukon's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions, and entered Phase I of the plan ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Yukon will increase some elective and non-urgent services that were temporarily suspended ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that businesses can re-open if their practices comply with current public health advice. It further announced that the ban on social gatherings does not apply to work environments ([link](#)).

Northwest Territories

- **December 22, 2020:** The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment has waived tourism insurance requirements and licensing fees for the 2021-22 fiscal year ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories announced that returning students and persons with specific legal situations requiring travel will continue to have their stays at regional isolation centres fully covered by the government in 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories released Holiday Guidelines to help residents and communities celebrate safely during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **December 2, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories announced that dental service teams are cleared to resume operations in the Northwest Territories ([link](#)).
- **July 10, 2020:** On July 14, 2020, government-operated Driver and Motor Vehicle (DMV) offices will reopen for in-person services in compliance with Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) orders ([link](#)).
- **July 5, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories released its Reopening Schools Safely plan for the 2020-2021 school year ([link](#)).
- **June 29, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories announced that it will monitor the capacity of Fred Henne Territorial Park's beaches and public day use areas over the course of the summer ([link](#)).s

- **June 28, 2020:** The Public Health Order directed at the mineral and petroleum industry is being amended to reflect the measures implemented for phase two of the Emerging Wisely Plan ([link](#)).
- **June 19, 2020:** All NWT schools have submitted plans for approval to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year which focus on flexibility in learning approaches ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories announced the entering of phase two of their recovery plan. Outdoor gathering limits will increase, more businesses and organizations will be able to reopen with precautions in-place, and offices will be able to have a maximum of 25 people per floor as long as they are set up for physical distancing of at least two meters ([link](#)).
- **June 4, 2020:** The Northwest Territories Education Leaders announced that they are planning for the safe reopening of schools in the fall of 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 21, 2020:** With the entry into Phase 1 of Emerging Wisely, the Government of the Northwest Territories' has lengthened its operating hours for its four highway ferries ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories announced the entering of phase one of their recovery plan. Residents may gather outside in groups up to 25 people, some businesses will be permitted to re-open, and some outdoor activities may resume ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories announced the Emerging Wisely plan which outlines a five-part approach for the gradual recovery and re-opening of the territory ([link](#)).

Nunavut

- **December 2, 2020:** The Department of Justice Services announced that services will reopen to the public in all communities except Rankin Inlet, Whale Cove, and Arviat ([link](#)).
- **July 28, 2020:** The Department of Education announced that all schools will open, as scheduled, for the new school year, unless otherwise directed by Chief Public Health Officer ([link](#)).
- **June 23, 2020:** The Department of Health Services announced that effective June 22, 2020, Nunavut will resume regular medical travel to Churchill, Manitoba ([link](#)).
- **June 15, 2020:** Residents of the Northwest Territories will be permitted to enter Nunavut without isolating prior to arrival ([link](#)).
- **June 15, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut announced that family members can resume visiting in correctional facilities through the normal appointment process ([link](#)).
- **June 8, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut will resume in-territory duty travel for employees. Both essential and non-essential duty travel may be approved within the territory ([link](#)).

- **June 4, 2020:** The Department of Health Services announced a critical worker isolation exemption for critical workers travelling in and out of the Nunavut ([link](#)).
- **June 1, 2020:** The Minister of Human Resources announced the end of the Government of Nunavut's work from home program for Government of Nunavut employees. Starting Monday, June 8, 2020, Government of Nunavut employees who are currently working from home will be returning to their regular workplaces ([link](#)).
- **June 1, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut announced that effective June 1, 2020, in-territory travel advisories will be lifted and that effective June 8, 2020, workplaces and retail outlets can re-open. Further, on June 15, 2020, dental clinics, physiotherapy clinics, massage therapy and chiropractic treatments will be permitted to resume and that gyms and pools will be permitted to re-open ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut announced that territorial parks will re-open on June 1, 2020, and the limit on outdoor gatherings will increase to 25 ([link](#)).
- **May 25, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut announced that as of June 1, 2020, daycares may re-open, the limit on outdoor gatherings is increased to 25 people, territorial parks will re-open and municipal playgrounds will re-open ([link](#)).
- **May 6, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut lifted Pond Inlet restrictions ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut announced the conditions that must be met before relaxing restrictions may take place ([link](#)).

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