

## COVID-19: Emergency Measures Tracker

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In light of the outbreak of COVID-19, our team is closely monitoring updates from governments across Canada as they respond to the pandemic. The following summarizes the emergency measures that have been imposed in each jurisdiction. We will continue to update this summary as further measures are introduced across the country.

This roundup was last updated on April ~~15~~,[16](#), 2021. To see what has changed since our last update, please download our blackline, [here](#).

### Federal

- **March 17, 2021:** The Government of Canada announced new measures regarding temporary foreign workers ([link](#)).
- **February 20, 2021:** The Government of Canada announced the Public Health Agency of Canada will begin COVID-19 testing at land borders on February 22, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 12, 2021:** The Government of Canada expanded international travel restrictions for land and air travel ([link](#)).
- **February 12, 2021:** The Government of Canada announced additional testing and more stringent quarantine requirements for travellers arriving in Canada ([link](#)).
- **February 4, 2021:** The Minister of Transport announced two new Interim Orders that prohibit pleasure crafts in Canadian Arctic waters and cruise vessels in all Canadian waters until February 28, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **January 29, 2021:** The Government of Canada announced that effective February 3, 2021 at midnight, flight restrictions funneling international flights to Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, Toronto Pearson International Airport, Calgary International Airport, and Vancouver International Airport will expand to include: scheduled commercial passenger flights from the United States, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America; international business/private passenger flights from all countries; and international charter passenger flights from all countries ([link](#)).
- **January 29, 2021:** The Government of Canada announced the suspension of all flights to and from Mexico and Caribbean countries effective January 31, 2021 until April 30, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 6, 2021:** The Government of Canada issued the Interim Order formalizing the new COVID-19 testing requirement for all air travelers coming to Canada and provided additional guidance to airline operators and the travelling public ([link](#)).
- **December 31, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced that effective January 7, 2021 at 12:01am EST, all air passengers five years of age or older will be required to

test negative for COVID-19 before travelling from another country to Canada. Documentation of a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to the traveler's scheduled departure to Canada must be provided to the airline before boarding ([link](#)).

- **December 29, 2020:** The Government of Canada continues to advise against non-essential travel and has reminded all travelers returning to Canada that contravening the mandatory quarantine can lead to severe penalties ([link](#)).
- **December 20, 2020:** The Government of Canada suspended entry into Canada of all commercial and private passenger flights from the United Kingdom for 72 hours, effective midnight tonight ([link](#)).
- **December 17, 2020:** The Correctional Service of Canada announced that effective December 16, 2020, in-person visits are suspended at all of its Ontario Institutions and Community Correctional Centres ([link](#)).
- **November 30, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced that the Mandatory Isolation Order and temporary travel restrictions for all travelers seeking entry into Canada from a country other than the US will be extended until January 21, 2021. Travel restrictions for US citizens and foreign nationals arriving from the US remain in place until December 21, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 2, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced new mandatory requirements for travelers to Canada. As of November 21, 2020, air travelers whose final destination is Canada will be required to submit their information electronically through ArriveCAN before they board their flight, and those who enter Canada by air, land, or marine modes will be required to submit information through ArriveCAN or by calling the toll-free number during their quarantine or isolation period ([link](#)).
- **October 29, 2020:** The Minister of Transport announced the extension of measures pertaining to cruise ships and pleasure craft until February 28, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **October 22, 2020:** The Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta announced a joint pilot program exploring the feasibility of using a rigorous testing and monitoring program as a strategy to reduce the mandatory quarantine period beginning November 2, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 30, 2020:** The Minister of Transport announced the implementation of temperature screening for travelers at 11 additional Canadian airports ([link](#)).
- **September 28, 2020:** The Correctional Service of Canada announced additional measures to limit the potential spread of COVID-19 in its Québec institutions and community correctional centres. The Correctional Service of Canada is suspending visits at all of its sites in the province, as well as temporary absences and work releases from institutions ([link](#)).
- **September 18, 2020:** The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, announced that Canada and the United States have agreed to extend the temporary restriction of all non-essential travel across the Canada-U.S. border until October 21, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **September 17, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency has reminded 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 ([link](#)).
- **August 31, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency announced that travel restrictions are still in place ahead of the Labour Day long weekend at all Canadian international border crossings ([link](#)).
- **July 30, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency announced that as of July 31, 2020, stricter rules and additional entry conditions will be imposed on travelers transiting through Canada to Alaska for a non-discretionary purpose ([link](#)) .
- **July 5, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency announced that it will be temporarily reducing service hours at additional land, air and marine ports of entry in addition to deferring seasonal opening hours at select points of entry ([link](#)).
- **July 3, 2020:** The Government of Canada extended the requirement for anyone crossing the Canadian border to be isolated for 14 days until August 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** The Minister of Transport announced that the Government of Canada will now require temperature screenings for all passengers travelling to Canada or travellers departing Canadian airports for either international or domestic destinations ([link](#)).
- **June 8, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency announced that as of June 8, 2020 23:59 EDT, foreign nationals who are immediate family members of Canadian citizens and permanent residents, and who do not have COVID-19 or exhibit any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or who do not have any reason to believe they have COVID-19, will be exempt from the prohibition on entry to Canada if entering to be with an immediate family member for a period of at least 15 days ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, announced the delay of the coming into force of changes to the *Divorce Act*, due to the extraordinary circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **June 3, 2020:** The Minister of Transport announced the expansion of requirements for the use of face coverings by workers and others involved in the transportation system, to reduce the risk of COVID-19. The measures will be implemented through a combination of mandatory orders and guidance ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced that cruise ships with the capability of providing overnight accommodations to 100 or more people are prohibited from operating in Canadian waters until October 31, 2020 and that passenger vessels must follow provincial, territorial, local and regional health authority requirements for timelines and processes to resume operations starting July 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 27, 2020:** The Minister of Health authorized certain changes for clinical trials related to COVID-19 in order to accelerate efforts and create a more flexible process ([link](#)).

- **May 22, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced the launch of a web-based benefits finder tool, “Find financial help during COVID-19” to assist Canadians with determining which government benefits programs best meet their needs ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency advised travellers that the seasonal opening of the Little Gold Creek port of entry will be delayed until further notice due to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency announced the temporary suspension of service at the Four Falls, New Brunswick port of entry along the Canada-United States land border, effective May 17, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced pleasure craft will be prohibited from operating within Canada’s Arctic coastal waters starting June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency announced the temporary suspension of service at certain small vessel reporting sites, small airports of entry, ferry terminals and to the Remote Area Border Crossing program ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Canada made temporary changes to the *Employment Insurance Act* regarding the Employment Insurance Emergency Response Benefit. Further information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
- **April 22, 2020:** The Government of Canada will support students and recent graduates by launching the “I Want to Help” platform, funding various student employment organizations, enhancing student financial assistance for fall 2020, and providing access to benefits over the summer ([link](#)).
- **April 22, 2020:** The Government of Canada removed the restriction that allows international students to work a maximum of 20 hours per week while classes are in session, provided they are working in an essential service or function, such as health care, critical infrastructure, or the supply of food or other critical goods ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Minister of Transport announced measures requiring all air passengers to have a non-medical mask or face covering to cover their mouth and nose during travel. These measures come into effect at noon EDT on April 20, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** Through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, the federal and provincial governments will connect people with job opportunities in the sector ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) liaison and reconnaissance elements will be dispatched to Québec to gather information in support of the upcoming deployment of CAF medical personnel and resources to help with the ongoing situation in long-term care facilities ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced its intent to introduce the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** Canada Border Services Agency reduced service hours at 27 Canadian land border locations. Further information on locations and times can be found [here](#).

- **April 15, 2020:** Parks Canada extended the suspension of camping reservations and events until May 31, 2020, at the earliest ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** The Canadian Minister of Health launched the Wellness Together Canada portal to connect Canadians to peer support workers, social workers, psychologists and other professionals for confidential chat sessions or phone calls. This is also intended to make it easier to find credible information and help address mental health and substance use issues ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** The Government of Canada ordered that travellers arriving in Canada cannot isolate or quarantine in a place where they would be in contact with people who are vulnerable. Upon arrival, travellers must confirm they have a suitable place to isolate or quarantine. If they cannot do so, the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada will designate a place ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** Regulatory amendments to the *Contraventions Act* came into force. These amendments allow law enforcement agencies to ticket individuals who do not comply with the Federal *Quarantine Act*. Offences may result in fines ranging from \$275 to \$1000, or criminal proceedings ([link](#)).
- **April 13, 2020:** The Government of Canada granted an exemption for temporary foreign workers from the travel restrictions to Canada, along with other foreigners with student and work visas, provided they adhere to a strict 14-day isolation protocol upon arrival. The federal government will provide \$1,500 for each temporary foreign worker, to employers or those working with them to ensure requirements are fully met. The funding is conditional on employers not violating the mandatory 14-day isolation protocols or any other public health order ([link](#)).
- **April 10, 2020:** The Government of Canada established the COVID-19 Disability Advisory Group to ensure that the interests and needs of persons with a disability are being taken into account in response measures to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Competition Bureau signalled that it will generally refrain from exercising scrutiny in circumstances where there is a clear imperative for companies to be collaborating in the short-term to respond to the crisis, so long as those collaborations are undertaken and executed in good faith and do not go further than what is needed ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Government of Canada announced that it will invest \$3 million in several organizations through the Digital Citizen Initiative's Digital Citizen Contribution Program to help combat false and misleading COVID-19 information as well as the racism and stigmatization that are often the result ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** The Minister of Seniors announced the New Horizons for Seniors Program allowing for the reallocation of funding previously received by organizations to go towards COVID-19 supports ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** The Canada Border Services Agency has temporarily changed the regulations for driving U.S.-plated vehicles in Canada. The Canada Border Services Agency will facilitate entry for residents driving U.S.-plated vehicles by permitting the

temporary import of U.S. vehicles without paying duties and taxes for up to 60 days from the date of importation in accordance with the *Temporary Importation of Conveyances by Residents of Canada* ([link](#)).

- **April 5, 2020:** The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Marc Garneau, announced new measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission on commercial passenger vessels and ferries ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** The Government of Canada partnered with Amazon Canada for the distribution of personal protective equipment and supplies ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** The Canadian Armed Forces will be dispatched to Nunavik in northern Québec to support the community during a regional lockdown.
- **April 2, 2020:** Public Safety Canada developed a set of functions deemed essential in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic to help provinces/territories, Indigenous communities, and municipalities protect their communities while maintaining the reliable operation of critical infrastructure services and functions to ensure the health, safety, and economic well-being of the population. The guidance is not, nor should it be considered to be a federal directive or standard. Further information on Public Safety Canada's guidance on essential services and functions in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic can be found [here](#).
- **March 28, 2020:** The Government of Canada introduced new domestic transportation measures. All air operators must conduct a health check of travellers before they board a flight within Canada or departing from Canada, based on guidance from the Public Health Agency of Canada. Passengers that present COVID-19 symptoms must be refused by air operators. Individuals who are refused will not be able to travel for a period of 14 days, or until a medical certificate is presented confirming that the traveller's symptoms are not related to COVID-19. They must also notify travellers that they may be subject to provincial or territorial measures at their final destination. Similar restrictions apply to rail companies. More on these orders can be found [here](#).
- **March 26, 2020:** All in person Service Canada Centres have closed ([link](#)).
- **March 25, 2020:** *An Act respecting certain measures in response to COVID-19* has been enacted. It amended the *Canada Labour Code* to include a COVID-19 related leave of up to 16 weeks and additional job protections. It also amended other laws to assist with implementing the Government of Canada's emergency response ([link](#)).
- **March 25, 2020:** The Government of Canada has mandated an immediate 14 day quarantine for all Canadians returning to Canada as of 11:59 pm on March 25, 2020. The Government of Canada has advised that this mandated quarantine will be enforced under the *Quarantine Act*.
- **March 24, 2020:** Parks Canada temporarily suspended all motor vehicle access to all national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas. These measures are effective as of 12:01 a.m. on March 25, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **March 19, 2020:** All Canadians returning home from travel outside of Canada urged to self-isolate for 14 days.

- **March 18, 2020:** Government of Canada, in conjunction with the United States, closed the Canadian-US border to all non-essential travel.
- **March 16, 2020:** Government of Canada banned the entry of all non-Canadian or non-permanent residents into Canada.
- **March 14, 2020:** Government of Canada issued a travel advisory to avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada and all travel by cruise ship. Canadians were urged to return home via commercial means while they still remain available.
- Further information is available on the Government of Canada's [website](#).
- To date the Government of Canada has imposed emergency measures under the *Quarantine Act*, the *Aeronautics Act*, and other federal legislation. It has not yet invoked its extraordinary powers under the *Emergencies Act*. Further information on the federal government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" series of explainers, available on [our COVID-19 hub](#).

### **British Columbia**

- **April 13, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of the day on April 21, 2021 ([link](#))
- **March 30, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of the day on April 13, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 29, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia announced a three-week circuit breaker starting at midnight on March 30, 2021. Under the circuit breaker, the variance allowing indoor religious gatherings and worship services is suspended until May 13, 2021, indoor low intensity group exercise classes are cancelled, restaurants, pubs and bars are closed for indoor dining, and Whistler Blackcomb ski resort is closed ([link](#)).
- **March 12, 2021:** The Provincial Health Officer ordered sales of alcohol to cease from 8 pm PST on March 17, 2021 to 9 am PST on March 18, 2021 ([link](#))
- **March 2, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of the day on March 16, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 16, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of the day on March 2, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 10, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia revised the public health order regarding gatherings and events ([link](#)).
- **February 5, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia revised the public health order regarding gatherings and events ([link](#)).
- **February 2, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of day on February 16, 2021 ([link](#)).

- **January 19, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of day on February 2, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 12, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia announced further public health requirements for the Industrial Projects Restart ([link](#)).
- **January 12, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia announced new public health measures at resource sector worksites and industrial camps in the region of the Northern Health Authority ([link](#)).
- **January 8, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia revised the public health order regarding gatherings and events ([link](#)).
- **January 8, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia clarified and simplified the emergency orders currently in place on face coverings, gatherings and events, and food and liquor serving premises ([link](#)).
- **January 7, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia extended the current public health orders on gatherings and events through February 5, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 5, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency through January 19, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 30, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer ordered sales of alcohol to cease from 8 pm PST on December 31, 2020 to 9 am PST on January 1, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 29, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia restricted the number of onsite workers at 5 major industrial work sites and put in place a schedule for the incremental increase of workers ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency through January 5, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 16, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia revised its Workplace Safety Order, and required employers to review their COVID-19 Safety Plan and ensure that it adequately protects workers from the transmission of COVID-19 among other things ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency through the end of the day on December 22, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that the public health orders restricting all gatherings and events have been extended through to January 8, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 4, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that effective December 7, 2020 new restrictions will be placed on gym and recreation facilities. Additionally, all indoor and outdoor sports for people over the age of 19 years old have also been suspended ([link](#)).

- **December 3, 2020:** The Minister of Citizens' Services announced that the use of additional communications tools in the public sector during the COVID-19 pandemic has been extended until May 31, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **November 24, 2020:** The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of the day on December 8, 2020 and announced that masks must be worn in indoor public spaces by all British Columbians who are 12 years of age and older ([link](#)).
- **November 19, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer announced that all individuals, places of work and businesses in British Columbia must significantly reduce social interactions and travel, including banning social gathering of any size at a personal residence or vacation accommodation with anyone outside their household or core bubble, suspension of all events and community-based gatherings, a requirement to wear masks in all public indoor settings, avoiding non-essential travel, and suspension of operate high risk indoor group physical activities ([link](#)).
- **November 13, 2020:** The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General announced that they are giving police and other provincial officers the ability to issue violation tickets for additional contraventions in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health regions under the *Emergency Program Act*. These measures apply to party buses and limousines ([link](#)).
- **November 10, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of day November 24, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 10, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer announced that all individuals within the Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health regions are not permitted to engage in social gatherings with anyone other than their core bubble. This order is effective as of November 7, 2020 and will remain in effect until at least November 23, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 9, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the freeze of rents until July 10, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **October 30, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that gatherings in private residences are restricted to the occupants and six additional guests ([link](#)).
- **October 27, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of day October 27, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 13 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of day November 10, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 9, 2020:** The Provincial Health Order issued a new order regarding conditions for the operation of *Food and Liquor Serving Premises* ([link](#)).
- **September 29, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of the day October 13, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 20, 2020:** The Minister of Public Health and Safety and Solicitor General gave police and other provincial enforcement officers the ability to issue tickets for

contravention of the Public Health Officer's orders. The measures announced on August 21, 2020 were also expanded. ([link](#)).

- **September 18, 2020:** The Attorney General of British Columbia suspended civil jury trials until October 3, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **September 15, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the provincial state of emergency to the end of day September 29, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 8, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer amended her order regarding bars, nightclubs and banquet halls. All nightclubs and stand-alone banquet halls are ordered closed. Liquor sales in bars, pubs and restaurants must cease at 10 pm, and the establishment must close at 11 pm unless they provide full meal service (however liquor sales must cease at 10 pm regardless). Music or other background sounds must be no louder than the volume of normal conversation ([link](#)).
- **September 2, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extends online variance applications for temporary layoff provisions past August 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 1, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the province's state of emergency extended until September 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 21, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia introduces new measures to enforce COVID-19-related emergency orders ([link](#)).
- **August 18, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the province's state of emergency extended until September 1, 2020.
- **August 17, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia is extending the provincial temporary crisis supplement for people on income or disability assistance and low-income seniors for an additional four months ([link](#)).
- **August 4, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the province's state of emergency extended until August 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 30, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia restricts non-resident travel to Haida Gwaii in response to a community outbreak ([link](#)).
- **July 30, 2020:** Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issues emergency order to ensure BC Ferries can provide priority medical-assured loading on the first available vessel for any individual, their vehicle and an escort ([link](#)).
- **July 21, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia has extended the province's state of emergency until August 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 7, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia has extended the province's state of emergency until July 21, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 26, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the temporary layoffs provisions to a maximum of 24 weeks expiring on August 30, 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).

- **June 25, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia is funding and implementing new safety measures for seasonal domestic fruit pickers with respect to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **June 24, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia has extended the province's state of emergency until at least July 7, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 23, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia introduced the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, legislation that will allow for the provisions created for citizens and businesses in response to the pandemic to be formalized and unwound as appropriate after the provincial state of emergency ends ([link](#)).
- **June 19, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that it will end provincially led border check points on June 20, 2020. Federal screening measures currently in place will continue and Service BC will also continue compliance and wellness checks to ensure travelers can effectively maintain their 14-day self-isolation ([link](#)).
- **June 11, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia has formally extended the provincial state of emergency, allowing the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to continue to use extraordinary powers under the *Emergency Program Act* ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended a temporary ministerial order until December 31, 2020, to continue to allow health-care workers and other public sector staff to use communication tools not normally permitted for use during the COVID-19 state of emergency ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced temporary relief to hospitality licensees who have had to suspend their operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer issues a Vending Markets Order, which repealed and replaced the order made April 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 27, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the state of emergency to June 9, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer issued a Mass Gatherings Order, which repealed and replaced the order made March 16, 2020 regarding mass gatherings. The Order provides that an owner/occupier must not permit the gathering of more than 50 patrons. The owner/operator of a drive-in event must not permit more than 50 vehicles to be present at one event ([link](#)).
- **May 20, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia issued two emergency orders that temporarily suspend in-person execution requirements for wills and personal planning instruments ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the state of emergency to May 26, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced a program to provide smartphones to vulnerable people experiencing less connectivity due to the closure of libraries ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia launched Buy BC e-commerce funding to assist farmers and food and beverage processors with selling their products online ([link](#)).
- **May 5, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced the establishment of an emergency response centre to provide temporary accommodation for individuals experiencing homelessness ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia will permit local governments to hold public hearings electronically ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued a Ministerial Order which enables credit union meetings to be held by telephone or other electronic means ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development announced it is deferring stumpage fees for the forestry sector for three months ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity announced that the Province has secured 300 additional spaces in communities for people leaving violent and unstable situations ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the state of emergency to May 12, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that animal care facilities, including BC SPCA facilities, zoos and aquariums, may apply for emergency COVID-19 funding ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued the Employment and Assistance (COVID-19) Order under the *Emergency Program Act*, which provides that any requirement under the *Employment and Assistance Act*, or the *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act* to provide or do certain things may be satisfied by verbal means or verbal confirmation ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia will not enforce restrictions on food trucks that set up at key stops for commercial truck drivers ([link](#)).
- **April 26, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced it is doubling this year's funding for Family Caregivers of British Columbia to \$1 million. Family Caregivers of British Columbia is a not-for-profit organization that supports people who are caring for elderly relations or friends ([link](#)).
- **April 25, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia is working with the cities of Vancouver and Victoria to move individuals living in parks into safe, temporary accommodations ([link](#)).

- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced rent relief for small businesses by at least 75% through the federal-provincial Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (CECRA) ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia will provide funding to internet service providers to give people in rural, remote and Indigenous communities access to faster internet service ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Ministry of Attorney General established two advisory groups to support courts and tribunals in delivering services and minimizing the impact of the pandemic on the justice system ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced a public health order outlining obligations of employers and workers in the agriculture, aquaculture, forestry and resource sectors, including prevention, control and inspection protocols ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Ministry of Finance announced that applications for the \$1,000 BC Emergency Benefit for Workers will open May 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 22, 2020:** The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued an order under the *Emergency Program Act* which enables companies, societies and cooperatives to meet electronically for the duration of the provincial state of emergency ([link](#)).
- **April 21, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced that up to \$35.6 million in provincial emergency COVID-19 funding will be distributed through Community Living BC to people with developmental disabilities over the next three months ([link](#)).
- **April 20, 2020:** The British Columbia Court of Appeal extended the suspension of service and filing deadlines to June 1, 2020. Beginning May 4, 2020, all civil appeals and chambers applications will be heard either by videoconference, by telephone or in writing ([link](#)).
- **April 20, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia partnered with the First Nations Health Authority and launched a framework to ensure the wellbeing of rural and remote Indigenous communities ([link](#)).
- **April 20, 2020:** All individuals that attended the Kearl Lake project near Fort McMurray, Alberta from March to present were ordered to self-isolate for 14 days ([link](#)).
- **April 20, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia partnered with the District of Squamish and Squamish Helping Hands Society to provide 49 new temporary homes for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the community ([link](#)).
- **April 19, 2020:** Police and enforcement officers can now issue \$2,000 tickets for violations. They will also enforce the ban on reselling essential goods and supplies and price gouging ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced a temporary change under the *Emergency Program Act*, to allow strata corporations to hold meetings electronically ([link](#)).

- **April 17, 2020:** The British Columbia Supreme Court extended the adjournment of all civil and family hearings scheduled before May 1, 2020, to all civil and family hearings scheduled before May 29, 2020. The suspension of filing and service deadlines for civil and family matters was also extended to May 29, 2020. All jury selections have been cancelled up to and including July 3, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Provincial Court of British Columbia announced that matters related to public health and safety and the COVID-19 pandemic, including matters under the *Quarantine Act*, *Public Health Act* and similar statutes and regulations, will be considered urgent hearings and will proceed with all participants appearing by telephone or video conference ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia launched Here2Talk, a free mental-health counselling service for post-secondary students ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia announced further steps to reduce the financial burden for drivers during the COVID-19 pandemic, including waiving the fees for cancelling and then re-insuring vehicles, and allowing fleet vehicle customers to suspend their insurance, among other measures ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia launched the B.C. Business COVID-19 Support Service to act as a one-stop resource to answer questions about supports available to businesses from the provincial and federal governments, industry and community partners ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia announced it will reduce most commercial property tax bills by an average of 25%, along with new measures to support local governments facing temporary revenue shortfalls as a result of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the state of emergency to April 28, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer issued a revised Facility Staff Assignment Order, which amends a prior order made April 10, 2020, to enable long term care facility workers to work at a single facility ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia temporarily extended hours of retail liquor service to provide a greater opportunity for physical distancing for seniors and people who are immunocompromised. Delivery services are also authorized to purchase unopened liquor products from a liquor store during the same extended hours ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia will install portable toilets at vehicle pull-outs and inspection stations to improve travel for commercial truck drivers ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer issued a revised Travellers and Employers Order, which revises the previous Travellers and Employers Order made April 10, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **April 14, 2020:** All temporary foreign workers will be required to self-isolate in government-managed accommodations for 14 days before being transported to farms throughout British Columbia ([link](#)).
- **April 10, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer made an order under the *Public Health Act* requiring travellers that arrive at Vancouver International Airport or at a Canada/US land border crossing to present themselves to a Provincial Information and Support Officer and submit a self-isolation plan. The order also provides guidance to employers of workers and essential workers returning to British Columbia ([link](#)). Dr. Henry also issued an order delegating certain powers under the *Public Health Act* to Provincial Information and Support Officers ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Provincial Health Officer issued an order under the *Public Health Act*, and the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued an order under the *Emergency Program Act*, which in concert enable long term care facility workers to work at a single facility ([link here](#) and [here](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued a new limitations order which exempts mandatory limitation periods and other mandatory time periods established under the *Builders Lien Act* and Division 5, Part 5 of the *Strata Property Act* from the suspension of mandatory limitation periods. This limitations order will take effect on April 15, 2020. All other mandatory limitation periods and other mandatory time periods established in an enactment or law of British Columbia within which a civil action, claim or appeal must be commenced continue to be suspended ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** International travelers arriving in British Columbia, must provide a self-isolation plan before entry that demonstrates they have supports in place to self-isolate for 14 days. If sufficient supports are not demonstrated, the traveler may be taken to a provincial accommodation site ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** BC Parks closed all provincial parks ([link](#)). Overnight camping and motorized recreation (including the use of off-road vehicles) is restricted in the Kooecanusa area for spring and summer ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The British Columbia Civil Resolution Tribunal (CRT) extended statutory deadlines and waived fees for those struggling financially ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia acquired 900 spaces at 23 sites for individuals who need a place to self-isolate ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** Most open burning activities will be prohibited throughout British Columbia as of noon on April 16, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued a Ministerial Order which protects essential services from being held liable for damages caused by exposure to COVID-19 while continuing to operate, so long as they are complying with orders from the provincial health officer and other authorities ([link](#)).

- **April 2, 2020:** The Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training announced \$3.5 million in emergency financial assistance for students attending public post-secondary institutions ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction announced new emergency supports for people on income or disability assistance and low-income seniors ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2020:** BC Hydro announced a credit for residential customers who have lost their jobs or are unable to work due to COVID-19 to help cover their electricity bills. Small businesses forced to close as a result of COVID-19 will have their power bill forgiven for three months, from April to June 2020. Major industries, such as pulp and paper mills and mines may defer 50% of their bill payments for three months. Further details are available [here](#).
- **April 1, 2020:** The provincial health officer issued guidelines to support compliance with orders on business closures and gatherings, under the *Public Health Act*. The new guidelines provide instruction on warnings, public education, and fines ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2020:** The Ministry of Education has secured and funded licences for the application Zoom for all K-12 public and independent schools in British Columbia ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2020:** The Government of British Columbia extended the state of emergency through to the end of day on April 14, 2020. Evictions have been halted. The Government of British Columbia is also amending the *Employment Standards Act* to protect jobs for those unable to work for reasons related to COVID-19 and intends to launch a process to match essential service workers with child care in their communities while supporting child care providers with temporary emergency funding. Further information on these measures can be found [here](#).
- **March 30, 2020:** Youth and young adults that are receiving care through government assistance will continue receiving the same level of service and will continue to reside where they are during the pandemic, even if they were set to age out ([link](#)). Effective April 1, 2020, pay parking is temporarily suspended at all health authority owned and operated sites ([link](#)).
- **March 29, 2020:** The Minister of Citizens' Services made an order enabling the broader use of communication tools for health-care workers and other public-sector staff who are responding to COVID-19 under the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act* ([link](#)).
- **March 28, 2020:** Dr. Bonnie Henry ordered that all episodic vending markets (such as farmers markets) must only allow vendors to serve food at these events. Vendors of all other merchandise are prohibited at these events ([link](#)).
- **March 27, 2020:** Limitation periods to commence court proceedings in British Columbia have been suspended, and statutory decision-makers have been provided discretion to waive, suspend or extend time periods related to their powers ([link](#)).
- **March 26, 2020:** Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, issued a series of orders in response to COVID-19. First, the government established a

Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit to co-ordinate goods and services distribution, and to allow the delivery of goods at any time of day. The government banned the resale of food, medical supplies, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies and other essential supplies, and restricted the quantity of these items that may be purchased. Provincial health officer's orders may now be enforced by municipal bylaw officers. The government also suspended local states of emergency, except in the City of Vancouver. More on these orders can be found [here](#).

- **March 24, 2020:** BC Ferries advised customers to avoid non-essential travel. The Province has closed certain parks and recreational areas.
- **March 23, 2020:** City of Vancouver passed a motion allowing the City to fine businesses up to \$50,000, and individuals up to \$1,000, for not following social distancing rules.
- **March 21, 2020:** Dr. Bonnie Henry, British Columbia's Provincial Health Officer, ordered the immediate closure of personal service establishments – like barbershops, salons, nail estheticians, health spas, massage parlours, tattoo shops and others.
- **March 20, 2020:** Dr. Henry ordered owners and operators of premises where food and drink is served, and retail liquor stores, that they may only provide take-out or delivery services. Holders of liquor licenses that do not provide meal service must close.
- **March 18, 2020:** BC Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Mike Farnworth, declares provincial “state of emergency” under the *Emergency Program Act*. The declaration will be in effect for 14 days, but can be extended. Mike Farnworth also announced that the provincial legislature would convene on Monday, March 23, 2020 to discuss amendments to the British Columbia's *Employment Standards Act* to protect individuals affected by COVID-19 and the measures imposed to contain it.
- **March 17, 2020:** Dr. Henry declared a “public health emergency” under British Columbia's *Public Health Act*. Dr. Henry ordered travelers who have returned to Canada on or after March 12, 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days. Dr. Henry also ordered all bars, nightclubs and pubs to close. Businesses that remain open, such as grocery stores and pharmacies, must take measures to ensure social distancing. Restaurants and cafes that cannot meet the social distancing requirement must switch to take-out only.
- **March 16, 2020:** Dr. Henry issued an order prohibiting owners, occupiers and operators from allowing gatherings of 50 people or more. This had the effect of closing public spaces from community centres to swimming pools and libraries in municipalities across the province.
- Further information is available on the Government of British Columbia's [website](#).
- Further information on the B.C. government's emergency powers, can be found on our “Can they do that?” explainer, [here](#).

## Alberta

- **April 6, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced that it is moving back to Step 1 of its four-step reopening framework. Increased restrictions go into effect at 11:59 pm on April 6, 2021 ([link](#)).

- **January 7, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced that the current mandatory public health measures will remain in effect across the province until at least January 21, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that effective immediately, all indoor and outdoor social gatherings are prohibited and mandatory indoor public masking extends province wide ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that effective December 13, 2020 at 12:01am, there will be additional operational restrictions on places of worship and retail businesses across the province. Other kinds of businesses have been ordered to close. A full list of restrictions and closures can be found [here](#).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that effective December 13, 2020 at 12:01am, mandatory work from home measures will be implemented unless the employer determines that work requires a physical presence for operational effectiveness ([link](#)).
- **November 27, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that certain Alberta peace officers and community peace officers have been granted temporary authority to enforce public health orders ([link](#)).
- **November 25, 2020:** Alberta Health Services announced that effective November 25, 2020, temporary measures will be in place for visitor access to AHS acute care sites that have an outbreak or are in communities where COVID-19 transmission is high ([link](#)).
- **November 24, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that, effective immediately, mandatory restrictions are in effect province wide. These restrictions will be in place until further notice. These restrictions include: i) no indoor social gatherings in any setting, including workplaces; ii) outdoor gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people; and iii) funeral services and wedding ceremonies must follow all public health guidance, are limited to no more than 10 people, and receptions are not permitted ([link](#)).
- **November 24, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that, effective immediately, masks are mandatory for indoor workplaces in Edmonton, Calgary, and the surrounding areas. This measure will be in effect until further notice. Additional restrictions were also placed on places of worship and businesses in these areas ([link](#)).
- **November 24, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that in all schools, students in Grades 7-12 will move to at-home learning starting November 30, 2020. Students in early childhood services and Grades K-6 will remain learning in-person until December 18, 2020. All students will return to at-home learning after the winter break and resume in-person learning on January 11, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **November 12, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced new targeted public health measures that will take effect November 13, 2020 to help control the spread of COVID-19 ([link](#)).

- **October 29, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that all social gatherings in Calgary and Edmonton are limited to 15 people, including gatherings for dinner parties, wedding and funeral receptions, and banquets ([link](#)).
- **October 22, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced a new pilot program in conjunction with the Government of Canada that will see COVID-19 testing become available at the Coutts land border cross and the Calgary International Airport starting November 2, 2020. This would allow people to quarantine for less than 14 days if their test is negative and they receive a second test on day six or seven after arrival ([link](#)).
- **October 20, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that it is pausing asymptomatic COVID-19 testing to help reduce testing wait times, speed up results and limit the spread ([link](#)).
- **October 8, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that it is implementing voluntary public health measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Edmonton Zone ([link](#)).
- **June 23, 2020:** The Government of Alberta's environmental reporting temporarily paused by government during the provincial public health emergency will resume on July 15, 2020. It will resume four weeks earlier than planned ([link](#)).
- **June 8, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that Albertans can now access 20 million free, non-medical face masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **June 4, 2020:** Long-term changes to Alberta's nursing homes regulations will come into effect on August 15, 2020. Changes will be made to the two regulations under the *Nursing Homes Act*: the Nursing Homes General Regulation and the Nursing Homes Operation Regulation ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** *Bill 13: Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2)* came into force, allowing police enhanced authority during a state of emergency, allowing municipalities to declare a 90-day state of local emergency, and granting the Government of Alberta powers to cancel, rescind or restrict actions taken by a municipality pursuant to a state of local emergency ([link](#)).
- **May 5, 2020:** The Government of Alberta introduced new orders that will allow individual COVID-19 test results to be provided to police if an individual had deliberately put an officer at risk by coughing, sneezing or spitting on the officer. The new orders also expand the number of health-care practitioners who are able to assist in contact tracing ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of Alberta suspended time limitations set out in legislation (including the *Adult Adoption Act*, the *Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act*, the *Income and Employment Supports Act*, etc.) including for appeals of decisions on Community and Social Services programs. Appeals can still be filed. If proper isolation and physical distancing measures can be maintained—and all of the necessary steps taken for the appeal to be filed—a decision can be appealed ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of Alberta temporarily changed regulations to permit nurse practitioners to act as primary care providers in nursing homes, admitting and

assessing residents, as well as offering follow-up care. Changes will also enable nurse practitioners and other qualified health professionals to prescribe medication and order treatments in nursing homes, according to their scopes of practice ([link](#)).

- **May 3, 2020:** The Government of Alberta modified the *Occupational Health and Safety Code* to add additional approved respiratory protective equipment required for use at a work site ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Alberta exempted individuals in the Fort McMurray area who are engaged in flood suppression and prevention activities from the physical distancing orders ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Alberta made orders related to long-term care and supportive living environments. There will be more expansive testing and new measures will allow for individuals to continue to receive treatment for addictions ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced that it will offer corporate registry services, personal property services and select motor vehicle services remotely ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Alberta announced rent relief of 50% for small businesses through the federal-provincial Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (CECRA). Landlords and tenants are each responsible for 25% of the remaining costs ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Minister of Labour and Immigration issued an order updating requirements for health care workers respecting working for more than one employer or at more than one worksite, including (a) selection of the worksite or employer (b) leaves of absence, (c) scheduling of workers, and (d) dispute resolution ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Site Rehabilitation Program will launch on May 1, 2020, creating around 5,300 jobs to perform reclamation work on well, pipeline, and oil and gas sites ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of Alberta has developed a mobile contact tracing application called *AB TraceTogether*. The application will be available for voluntary download ([link](#)).
- **April 22, 2020:** The Court of Queen's Bench extended limiting hearings to only emergency and urgent matters to May 31, 2020, and the adjournment of criminal jury trials and jury selections to September 8, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer can now compel Health Care Facilities operators to disclose information about staff members in order to restrict movement of staff members among health care facilities ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Alberta extended the filing due date for the IFTA Quarterly Tax Return to June 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** Camping reservations at Alberta Parks have been suspended and will be refunded up to and including May 19, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **April 16, 2020:** Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services created an Alternative Relationship Plan to pay physicians who adjust their practice to provide care for Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** Alberta Community and Social Services will allow direct assistance for food to be provided to individuals and families during the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** Military families have been added to the list of provincial workers who can access child care ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** In preparation for wildfire season, the Government of Alberta will hire 200 additional fire fighters, invoke a fire ban, implement off-highway vehicle restrictions, increase fine violations, and fund community FireSmart initiatives ([link](#)).
- **April, 13, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer issued conditions for exemptions from mandatory isolation for quarantined or isolated persons who are required to take minor children for scheduled medical care, or who have minor children who require emergency care or admittance to a hospital or other medical facility ([link](#)).
- **April 12, 2020:** The Government of Alberta launched a charitable giving matching donation program to increase support to charities responding to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 10, 2020:** Service Alberta issued an order to help organizations and businesses comply with legislative and regulatory provisions related to time, location, distance, access to information and collection of utility payments. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **April 10, 2020:** Effective next week, continuing care workers will be required to wear masks when providing direct patient care or working in patient care areas. They may also only work at one site ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Government of Alberta launched the Agriculture Jobs Connector. The new Agriculture Jobs Connector website is a tool for Albertans to find essential agriculture work opportunities and for essential agriculture businesses to find workers ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** A temporary health measure will allow international visitors to receive health care, even if they do not have coverage ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Government of Alberta deferred specific reporting requirements for energy companies under the *Coal Conservation Act*, the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* and the *Oil Sands Conservation Act* ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** Electronic hearings before the Alberta Court of Appeal are open to participants, their counsel and the accredited media which represents the public interest. Non-lawyer participants are required to sign an Undertaking prohibiting recording and rebroadcasting of Court proceedings ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** Pursuant to a new public health order, visitors are prohibited from attending long-term care centres, licensed group homes and other facilities, unless a resident is dying ([link](#)).

- **April 7, 2020:** The Government of Alberta proposed amendments to the *Emergency Management Act*. The amendments include: (1) allowing states of local emergency to last for 90 days, (2) clarifying language regarding offences for non-compliance with emergency orders, (3) clarifying that the minister can modify a state of emergency without terminating it, and (4) clarifying that a state of emergency can be for any pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** The Government of Alberta has enacted changes to Alberta's *Employment Standards Code* and *Employment Standards Regulation*. The changes are: (1) the maximum length of a temporary layoff will be increased from 60 days to 120 days, (2) the 24 hour written notice requirement for employers to notify employees of a shift change has been removed, (3) employers are no longer required to provide notice of group termination to affected employees, unions or the Minister of Labour and Immigration, (4) the process for obtaining a variance or exemption under the *Employment Standards Code* will be streamlined to enable employers better flexibility to adapt to rapidly changing working conditions, and (5) employees who have had to take time off work due to COVID-19 will have the ability to access unpaid job-protected leave. Further information on these changes can be found [here](#).
- **April 6, 2020:** Alberta Health Services has prohibited visitors to long-term care, supportive living, congregate living, hospice care and acute care settings, with limited exceptions ([link](#)).
- **April 4, 2020:** The Minister of Health established the Calgary Homeless Foundation and HomeSpace society to provide services to operate Lakeview Signature Suites in Calgary as an isolation centre serving homeless or home insecure individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** The Government of Alberta launched the "Bits and Pieces" program with more than 1,100 offers of support from private and non-profit organizations. Offers include commercial vehicles, hotel rooms and mobile trailers, food and water services, hospital gowns, face masks, ventilators and other personal protective equipment ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** It is now free for healthcare workers and the public to park at all Alberta Health Services facilities ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** New outbreak standards were implemented in supportive living, long-term care, and residential addiction treatment centers. These standards direct how to deploy staff and resources where most needed, implement isolation measures, and ensure staff have up-to-date training on care and protective equipment in an effort to contain the virus ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Minister of Justice and Solicitor General ordered that limitation periods be suspended from March 17, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Additionally, any period of time within which any step must be taken in any proceeding or intended proceeding is suspended from March 17, 2020 to June 1, 2020, subject to the discretion of the court, tribunal or decision-maker. The order can be found [here](#).
- **April 2, 2020:** Royal assent is given to Bill 10: *Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020* ([link](#)), Bill 11, *Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions)*

*Amendment Act, 2020* ([link](#)) and Bill 12, *Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020* ([link](#)).

- **April 2, 2020:** Service Alberta will allow the Land Titles Office to register documents that have been witnessed, sworn or affirmed by Alberta lawyers using two-way video conferencing ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2020:** The Government of Alberta expanded child care eligibility to include children of critical infrastructure workers and first responders and anyone outlined as essential by government. Child care services were previously only available to front-line health-care workers ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2020:** The Government of Alberta partnered with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to increase food inspector capacity and meet increased demand in the food processing industry ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer provides conditions for the exemption from mandatory self-isolation for quarantined or isolated persons who require COVID-19 testing or require emergency care or critical care for pre-existing medical conditions ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2020:** The Government of Alberta proposed three new bills: (i) Bill 10, *Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020* will provide law enforcement agencies full authority to enforce public health orders during a pandemic; (ii) Bill 11, *Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020* will ensure no one will be retroactively charged for residential rent increases or late fees while the state of public health emergency is in effect; and (iii) Bill 12, *Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020*, which will enable the Government of Alberta to clarify and enable expanded, delegated authority for the Orphan Well Association to maintain and manage orphan sites ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2020:** The Lieutenant Governor in Council announced the *Electronic Documents Regulation*, prescribing requirements for electronic documents filed at the Provincial Court of Alberta ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** Albertans under mandatory self-isolation (such as those returning from travel, experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or in close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19) will be required to remain inside and can only go for walks on their own property for the duration of their self-isolation. People isolating who live in apartment buildings or high-rises must stay inside and cannot use the elevators or stairwells to go outside. If an individual becomes sick during self-isolation, they must self-isolate for an additional 10 days from the beginning of symptoms or until they are feeling well, whichever takes longer ([link](#)). The deadline to submit compliance reports and emissions reduction plan reports under the *Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation* is extended to June 30, 2020 ([link](#)). The deadline for fuel suppliers, approved contributors, and renewable fuel providers to submit compliance reports under the *Renewable Fuel Standard Regulation* is extended to June 30, 2020 ([link](#)). A variety of reporting requirements under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, *Water Act*, and *Public Lands Act* have been suspended ([link](#)).

- **March 28, 2020:** Alberta adjusted funding for schooling in order to reallocate funds not being utilized to Alberta's COVID-19 response ([link](#)).
- **March 27, 2020:** The Provincial Court of Alberta closed all of its case management offices. The Court of Queen's Bench will allow remote commissioning of affidavits in certain situations. Alberta Transportation extended the timeline to 90 days for most drivers requiring a medical evaluation to complete their medical form when applying for or renewing their licence. The Alberta Emergency Management Agency Unsolicited Offers Program was set up in response to growing offers of generosity from individuals and organizations to help with the challenges many Albertans are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)). Service Alberta suspended civil enforcement of evictions for non-payment of rent to April 30, 2020 ([link](#)) and prohibits landlords from increasing rent and charging fees in respect of late rental payments. The Minister of Environment and Parks restricted access to public lands, provincial parks and recreation areas to employees, law enforcement and emergency personnel.
- **March 27, 2020:** Alberta's Chief Medical Officer passed a Public Health Order prohibiting public gatherings in excess of 15 people, requiring all persons to maintain a minimum of 2 meters distance from one another, and mandating the closure of all non-essential businesses including personal services, wellness services, and retail stores ([link](#)); violation is subject to fines. A list of essential business services can be found [here](#). The Alberta Minister of Health issued a Public Health Order increasing fines for violations of the *Public Health Act* to \$100,000 for a first offence and \$500,000 for subsequent offences ([link](#)) (Order repealed on April 2, 2020 upon passage of Bill 10: *Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020*).
- **March 26, 2020:** The Lieutenant Governor in Council issued [Order in Council 100/200](#) amending the *Procedures Regulation* to allow community and police officers to issue fines of \$1000 for violation of public health orders.
- **March 25, 2020:** Government of Alberta specified the eligibility requirements to receive emergency isolation support payment; qualifying applicants will receive a one-time payment of \$1,146.
- **March 25, 2020:** Government of Alberta announced that through amendments to the *Procedures Regulation* under the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act*, peace and police officers will be able to issue tickets to enforce COVID-19 Public Health Orders (orders subject to fines for violation include those respecting self-isolation and mass gatherings; a full list can be found [here](#)). Fines for violating Public Health Orders have increased to a prescribed fine of \$1,000 per occurrence and courts will have powers to administer fines of up to \$100,000 for a first offence and up to \$500,000 for a subsequent offence. Alberta's Chief Medical Officer passed a Public Health Order requiring mandatory 14-day self isolation for international travelers returning to Alberta, mandatory 14-day isolation for close contacts of persons confirmed to have COVID-19, and mandatory minimum 10-day isolation for persons with COVID-19 or experiencing symptoms such as cough and fever ([link](#)); failure to self-isolate is subject to fines. Health care service providers must adhere to new operational protocols ([link](#)).
- **March 23, 2020:** Government of Alberta committed \$25 million to support homeless-serving agencies in response to COVID-19. Further, the Government announced an education property tax freeze, the deferral of education property tax for

businesses for six months and the deferral of WCB premiums for private sector businesses (in addition to 50% WCB premium coverage for small and medium private businesses in 2020).

- **March 22, 2020:** Government of Alberta announced it is working to open up 15,000 childcare spaces to assist individuals providing services upon which Albertans are relying during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **March 20, 2020:** Government of Alberta amended the *Emergency Management Act* with the result that a provincial state of emergency will no longer nullify a local (municipal) state of emergency. As a result, a provincial state of emergency can now supplement and reinforce a local authority's state of emergency. *Note that a state of emergency remains distinct from a public health emergency, and has not yet been declared in the province.* Further, the Government of Alberta struck a provincial economic recovery council to focus on long-term recovery from the crisis and extends a series of energy sector initiatives aimed at enhancing liquidity of energy companies, including: (i) providing 5 months of funding for the Alberta Energy Regulator; (ii) granting extensions for oil and gas agreement tenures; and (iii) extending a loan to the Orphan Well Association. Alberta's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Hinshaw, restricts attendance at child care programs to children of essential services workers ([link](#)).
- **March 18, 2020:** Government of Alberta announced a series of funding and supportive measures for immediate financial relief to Alberta's families, vulnerable populations and local businesses, including in respect of: (i) emergency isolation support; (ii) utility payment deferral; (iii) a moratorium on student loan repayment; (iv) relief for ATB Financial and Alberta credit union members; and (v) a deferral on corporate income tax balance collection until August 31, 2020.
- **March 17, 2020:** Government of Alberta declared a provincial public health emergency. Alberta's provincial government has not yet declared a (broader) provincial state of emergency.
- **March 14, 2020:** Given the rapid global increase in the spread of COVID-19, the Government of Alberta advised that it was no longer possible to assess health risks related to international travel. As such, it recommended against travel outside of Canada.
  - Effective March 12, 2020, all Albertans who are currently travelling outside of Canada should self-isolate on their return for 14 days, independent of the country they were visiting.
- Further information is available on the Government of Alberta's [website](#).
- Further information on the Alberta government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" explainer, [here](#).

## **Saskatchewan**

- **April 13, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that effective immediately, household bubbles will be limited to immediate households only for all of Saskatchewan. Furthermore, effective April 16, 2021 at 12:01 am, worship gathering

sizes will be limited to no more than 30 people. These measures will remain in effect until April 26, 2021 ([link](#)).

- **April 4, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency order is renewed, effective April 14, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency order is renewed, effective March 31, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 23, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan expanded the public health order for Regina and area, which will remain in effect until April 5, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 12, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan urged Regina residents to take additional precautions, including limiting travel and shopping to essential trips only, due to increasing transmission of COVID-19 Variants of Concern ([link](#)).
- **January 12, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the public health orders issued effective December 17, 2020 will remain in effect until January 29, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 17, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that effective immediately, the mandatory isolation period for COVID-19 positive individuals is being reduced from 14 days to 10 days ([link](#)).
- **December 14, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that effective December 17, 2020 at 12:01am, all private indoor gatherings are limited to immediate household members only ([link](#)).
- **December 14, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that effective December 19, 2020 at 12:01am, casinos and bingo halls must close. Personal service businesses continue may operate at 50% capacity and event venues, conference facilities, arenas, arts venues, museums, movie and live theatres and banquet facilities may still have events up to 30 individuals, but all individuals must be seated for the duration ([link](#)).
- **December 14, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that effective December 25, 2020 at 12:01am, retail services must reduce their capacity to 50% and large retail locations are required to limit their capacity to 25% ([link](#)).
- **December 10, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced the *Emergency Planning Amendment Act*, which will introduce amendments to emergency planning legislation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **November 25, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that effective November 27, 2020 at 12:01 am, new restrictions will be in place for restaurants and licensed establishments, performance and gaming venues, indoor public event gatherings, sports, fitness, and dance activities, and places of worship. These measures will be in effect until December 17, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 25, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that mandatory, non-medical mask use is being extended to all indoor fitness activities, with the

exception of aquatic activities. Mandatory, non-medical mask use is also being extended to: i) all students, employees, and visitors in all schools and daycares, except for students ages 0-2; ii) all employees and visitors in all common areas in businesses and workplaces, even those to which the public does not have access; and iii) all residents, employees, and visitors in all common areas in provincial and municipal correctional facilities. These measures will take effect November 27, 2020 at 12:01 am ([link](#)).

- **November 17, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that non-medical masks will be required in all indoor public spaces in Saskatchewan, starting November 19, 2020 at 12:01am. This measure is to be in effect until December 17, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 17, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that visitation to all long-term care facilities will be suspended, with the exception of compassionate reasons. This measure will take effect November 19, 2020 and continue until December 17, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 17, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the maximum allowable gathering size for private gatherings in the home setting will decrease to 5 people. Entertainment transportation (party buses, group limousines, etc) will no longer be permitted. These measures will take effect November 19, 2020 and continue until December 17, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 13, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that mandatory masking in indoor public spaces will be extended to all communities with populations of 5,000 people or greater. In addition, all restaurants and licensed establishments will be required to stop serving alcohol by 10:00 pm and all consumption must end by 11:00 pm ([link](#)).
- **November 3, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced new public health orders that reduce the maximum indoor gathering size to 10 people and make masks mandatory in indoor public spaces in Saskatoon, Regina, and Prince Albert. These orders will take effect on Friday November 6, 2020 at 12:01 am ([link](#)).
- **October 28, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced a new public health order that will impose restrictions on nightclubs in Saskatoon. The order will take effect on Friday October 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 13, 2020:** The Chief Medical Health Officer announced that the maximum allowable gathering size in private residents will be reduced to 15 as of October 16, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan extended the state of emergency until June 24, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced temporary commercial eviction protection for small business tenants during the COVID-19 emergency. The moratorium on evictions applies to landlords that are eligible to apply for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program but choose not to ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan extended the state of emergency for an additional two weeks ([link](#)).

- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan extended the state of emergency for a further two weeks ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that in-class learning will not take place until September, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 6, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan expanded the northern travel restrictions to include the regions of Stony Rapids and La Ronge ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced further travel restrictions for the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced a public health order restricting all non-critical travel into northern Saskatchewan, specifically the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan released further 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](#)).
- **April 20, 2020:** The AgriStability enrollment deadline for the 2020 program year has been extended without penalty to July 3, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** As of April 28, 2020, long-term care and personal care homes must ensure that each staff member works in only one facility. A care home may seek approval from a medical health officer to permit a staff member to work in more than one facility if they are unable to ensure adequate staffing levels as a result of complying with this order. All staff members in long-term care, personal care and affiliate care homes must undergo a health screening prior to entry to the facility, including a temperature check. At all times while on shift, all staff members in long-term care, personal care, and affiliate care homes shall wear, at minimum, a procedural/surgical mask ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan will work with Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities to lift spring road bans for priority goods. Permit requirements for priority goods have been suspended ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan amended *The Pensions Benefits Regulations, 1993*, to put a freeze on transfers or payments out of Defined Benefits plans unless they receive written consent from the Superintendent of Pensions ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** Wills may be now witnessed remotely where one of the two required witnesses is a lawyer ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** The Saskatchewan Health Authority will require staff, physicians, learners, trainees, vendors and contractors to be screened daily for influenza like illness

as they enter facilities. Additionally, anyone working in patient/client/resident care must wear a mask ([link](#)).

- **April 14, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan will implement a series of relief measures for the provincial oil and gas sector including: (i) extending filing and other deadlines; (ii) extending mineral rights, scheduled to expire in 2020, by one year; and (iii) reducing the Oil and Gas Administrative Levy by 50 per cent, whilst delaying invoicing of the remaining balance until October 1, 2020 will be extended by one year ([link](#)).
- **April 13, 2020:** The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority warned that price gouging is an unfair practice and businesses could face regulatory action and prosecution for engaging in this conduct ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency released the SaskAlert App to provide emergency public alerts ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** The Ministry of Health partnered with professional health bodies to provide temporary licenses for retired, non-practicing and student members ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced the deadline to apply, reinstate, cancel or make changes to Crop Insurance contracts is extended to April 13, 2020 ([link](#)). Additionally, the hours of service regulations for commercial truck drivers transporting goods and supplies to meet immediate needs related to COVID-19 will be temporarily modified ([link](#)).
- **March 27, 2020:** Provincial parks remain closed and people are advised not to gather in the parks. Tenants that are not able to pay their rent during the state of emergency are expected to pay their rent in full once the state of emergency is over.
- **March 26, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan enacted three emergency regulations that enable lawyers to execute and witness certain documents remotely. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **March 25, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan has further limited the size of public gatherings to 10 people. Additionally, effective March 26, 2020, “non-allowable business services” will be unable to provide public facing services. The Government of Saskatchewan will provide additional information clarifying allowable and non-allowable business services. Various examples provided to date, can be found [here](#).
- **March 23, 2020:** Effective as of March 23, 2020, recreational and entertainment facilities including fitness centers, casinos, bingo halls, arenas, curling rinks, swimming pools, galleries, theatres, museums and similar facilities ordered closed. Additionally, the Government ordered the closure of all personal service facilities including tattooists, hairdressers, barbers, acupuncturists, acupressurists, cosmetologists, electrologists, estheticians, manicurists, pedicurists, suntanning parlours, relaxation masseuses, and facilities in which body piercing, bone grafting or scarification services are performed. In the health sector, the closure of dental, optometrist, chiropractic, registered massage therapy and podiatry clinics except for non-elective procedures. Day care centers may only have a maximum of eight children and if they are co-located with a long-term care or personal care home, they shall have a separate entrance.

- **March 22, 2020:** All persons returning from international travel or anyone in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. Violation of the order may result in a \$2000 fine.
- **March 20, 2020:** Premier Scott Moe signed an order pursuant to the provincial State of Emergency directing that all orders of the government and Chief Medical Health Officer must be followed and that law enforcement agencies in Saskatchewan have the full authority to enforce those orders. Public gatherings of more than 25 people in one room are prohibited except where two-meter distancing between people can be maintained; workplace and meeting settings where people are distributed into multiple rooms or buildings; and retail locations (ie. grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations). He ordered the closure of all nightclubs, bars, lounges and similar facilities. Take out of alcohol or food products is permitted with two-meter distancing between customers and the delivery of alcohol or food products. In-person classes in all primary and secondary educational institutions, both public and private, are suspended. Visitors to long-term care homes, hospitals, personal care homes and group homes shall be restricted to family visiting for compassionate reasons.
- **March 18, 2020:** The Government of Saskatchewan declared a provincial state of emergency. With this declaration, the government mandated all restaurants, bars and event venues to limit their seating to 50% capacity or a maximum of 50 people, whichever is lesser. The order also mandates the implementation of social distancing procedures in retail centers.
- **March 18, 2020:** Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer advised all residents to avoid non-essential international travel until further notice and strongly advised all returning travelers to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Further information is available on the Government of Saskatchewan's [website](#).
- Further information on the Saskatchewan government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" explainer, [here](#).

## **Manitoba**

- **April 1, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba extended the state of emergency for a period of 30 days ([link](#)).
- **March 23, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced minor changes to the current public health orders and that it will remain at the 'critical' (red) level on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System ([link](#)).
- **March 3, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba extended the state of emergency for a period of 30 days ([link](#)).
- **February 2, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba extended the state of emergency for a period of 30 days ([link](#)).
- **February 1, 2021:** Premier Brian Pallister announced that effective immediately, all Manitoba government order-in-council appointees may not travel for leisure purposes outside permitted travel ([link](#)).

- **January 25, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced that it will amend the public health orders to require anyone entering Manitoba from anywhere in Canada to self-isolate for 14 days, with some exceptions, effective at midnight on January 29, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 8, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba extended the current public health orders until January 22, 2021. An exemption has been permitted for professional hockey ([link](#)).
- **January 4, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba extended the state of emergency for a period of 30 days ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced that it is extending public health orders from December 12, 2020 until January 8, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 4, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba extended the state of emergency for a period of 30 days ([link](#)).
- **December 2, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced a mandatory two-week remote learning period for all students in grades 7 to 12 starting January 4, 2021. The same remote-learning period is also available to students in grades K to 6 ([link](#)).
- **November 21, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced that gift cards, prepaid credit cards, and newspapers will be added to the list of essential items. The change will take effect at 12:01am on November 22, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 19, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced that updated public health orders will come into effect on November 20, 2020 to further limit residential gatherings and retail operations ([link](#)).
- **November 17, 2020:** Premier Brian Pallister announced that the province has signed a contract with G4S Canada to boost COVID-19 public health order enforcement efforts ([link](#)).
- **November 10, 2020:** The Premier and Chief Public Health Officer announced that the entire province will move to the Critical level (red) on the #Restart MB Pandemic Response System ([link](#)).
- **October 30, 2020:** The Chief Public Health Officer announced multiple province-wide changes to the #Restart MB Pandemic Response System. These changes will take effect November 2, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 23, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba has authorized municipal bylaw enforcement officers to enforce public health orders ([link](#)).
- **October 21, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced that fines will be increasing for those who fail to comply with public health and emergency orders ([link](#)).
- **August 12, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba extended the state of emergency for a period of 30 days ([link](#)).

- **July 24, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba released a revised phase four plan to restart the Province's economy ([link](#)).
- **July 14, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba will extend the province wide state of emergency under *The Emergency Measures Act* beginning July 14, 2020 for a period of 30 days ([link](#)).
- **June 15, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba extended the state of emergency for a period of 30 days ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba extended the state of emergency for a period of 30 days ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba introduced an additional temporary order to extend deadlines, social service and child-care provisions, and reduce municipal government regulatory burdens to help address the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced a new order designating additional provincial government officials to enforce public health emergency orders and emergency health hazard orders ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba restricted individuals from working in more than one licenced personal care home ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced a phased approach to opening the economy which will begin on May 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba implemented four temporary orders to help the economy, and to ensure the flow of goods and supplies into and out of Manitoba: (i) Youth in Care Provisions Order, (ii) Student Aid Provisions Order, (iii) International Fuel Tax Agreement Credential Provisions Order, and (iv) Trucking and Transportation Provisions Order ([link](#)).
- **April 27, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba will support local food producers and farmers' markets by enabling them to sell their products and produce online ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba launched the Summer Student Recovery Plan which will provide a wage subsidy for students employed in the private and non-profit sectors ([link](#)).
- **April 20, 2020:** The state of emergency is extended for 30 days ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** New public health orders require anyone travelling into Manitoba (regardless of whether their travel was restricted to within Canada), to self-isolate for 14 days. All travel to northern Manitoba is also prohibited ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba updated emergency orders. Businesses not listed as critical may operate, and have customers attend to pick up ordered items, provided social distancing measures are in place. Farmers markets, garden centres and greenhouses may operate, provided social distancing measures are in place. Hotels may operate, but must close common areas such as pools, hot tubs and game rooms.

Campgrounds can provide accommodation to recreational vehicles that act as a primary residence. Lastly, appliance, electronic and furniture stores are excluded, and should not be open to the public, except where orders are placed remotely and orders are delivered or picked up with social distancing measures in place ([link](#)).

- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba launched the AbilitiCBT program, a free and confidential virtual-therapy platform to help Manitobans cope with COVID-19 anxiety ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced that it will make additional amendments to *The Emergency Measures Act*, and enable provincial orders that will aid in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The amendments will increase penalties for violating *The Emergency Measures Act*, to a maximum of \$100,000 and/or one year imprisonment for individuals and a maximum of \$1,000,000 for corporations. They will also give courts the option to increase the fine for a person convicted of a price gouging offence by an amount equal to the financial benefit acquired ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** The chief provincial public health officer extended public health orders to April 28, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** Health-care workers will be provided with a paid administrative leave if they are required to self-isolate for 14 days due to possible exposure to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba has set penalties for breaches of emergency orders ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** Child care options have now been made available to all parents working in critical services, including support staff at hospitals and clinics, grocery store staff, farmers and farm workers, construction workers, and bank or credit union employees ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba closed all facilities in provincial parks, but the parks remain open ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba launched a web portal to support Manitoba families whose children are learning at home ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba created a fund to support COVID-19 treatment and vaccine research ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba will continue to extend supports to all youth currently in the Child and Family Services system who turn 18 between March 20 and September 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** Major Manitoba 150 celebrations have been postponed ([link](#)).
- **April 4, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba set up isolation centers for those needing additional support to self-isolate ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2020:** Pursuant to a new order, the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba will be allowed to waive or modify registration requirements for former registered nurses,

so they may apply for temporary registration during the pandemic on an expedited basis ([link](#)).

- **March 31, 2020:** Manitoba suspended in classroom learning for kindergarten to Grade 12 students indefinitely for this school year ([link](#)). They also revised Spring Road Restrictions to more readily allow vehicles to transport essential commodities ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** Restaurants providing takeout and delivery service are authorized to sell liquor if they are a licensed establishment ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba introduced several new measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As of April 1 2020, public gatherings will be limited to 10 people, restaurants may only serve food for delivery and takeout, and all businesses not in the schedule of critical services must close until April 14, 2020. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **March 27, 2020:** As of 12:01 a.m. on March 30, 2020, public gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people. Retail businesses and public transportation must ensure separation of one to two meters between persons. All non-essential travel is strongly not recommended. Employment standards are to be temporarily amended so that any period of layoff occurring after March 1, 2020, will not be counted toward the period after which a temporary layoff would become a permanent termination. The Government will establish five highway checkpoints and provide information in airports to inform travelers on public health measures and the requirement to self-isolate.
- **March 24, 2020:** Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister announced that the province would be postponing all non-urgent eviction hearings at the Residential Tenancies Branch and the Residential Tenancies Commission until the end of May. All new hearings and previously scheduled hearings were included.
- **March 20, 2020:** Government of Manitoba declared a provincial state of emergency amidst the ongoing COVID-9 pandemic. The decision, made under the province's *Emergency Measures Act*, officially limits public gatherings of more than 50 people on any indoor or outdoor premise. Retail businesses, such as grocery or food stores, shopping centers, pharmacies and gas stations must ensure separation of one to two meters between patron and public transportation facilities must also make sure people assembling are able to reasonably maintain a separation of one to two meters from others. All hospitality premises and theatres are limited to 50 people, or 50 per cent of the capacity of the premises, whichever is less, and all fitness facilities are to close.
- Further information is available on the Government of Manitoba's [website](#).
- Further information on the Manitoba government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" explainer, [here](#).

## Ontario

- **April 12, 2021:** The Government of Ontario announced that elementary and secondary schools will move to remote learning when the students return from Spring Break on April 19, 2021 ([link](#)).

- **April 12, 2021:** The Government of Ontario issued two emergency orders under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, to support the healthcare system during the third wave of COVID-19 in the province ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2021:** The Government of Ontario enacted a provincial emergency and Stay-at-Home order effective Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 12:01 am ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2021:** Toronto's Medical Officer of Health issued an order requiring all elementary and secondary school students to transition to online/remote learning from April 7-18, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2021:** The Government of Ontario announced a province-wide emergency brake effective Saturday April 3, 2021 for a period of four weeks ([link](#)).
- **March 29, 2021:** The Government of Ontario announced that the Middlesex-London Public Health Region will move to the Red-Control level under the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*. This move will take effect March 30, 2021 at 12:01am ([link](#)).
- **March 26, 2021:** The Government of Ontario announced adjustments to public health measures for certain activities held in regions currently in the Grey-Lockdown level of the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*. The province also adjusted capacity limits for weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies held in all levels of the *Framework*, to allow for the number of individuals that can maintain two metres of physical distance ([link](#)).
- **March 26, 2021:** The Government of Ontario, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, announced the decision to move the City of Hamilton Public Health Region to Grey-Control level, and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit to Red-Control level in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*. These moves take effect March 29, 2021 at 12:01am ([link](#)).
- **March 19, 2021:** The Government of Ontario, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, moved eight public health regions to more restrictive levels in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework* ([link](#)).
- **March 18, 2021:** The Government of Ontario, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, announced the decision to move the Ottawa Public Health region to the Red-Control level in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*, effective March 19, 2021 at 12:01am ([link](#)).
- **March 12, 2021:** On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario Government moved three public health regions to new, more restrictive, levels in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*. The province also adjusted capacity limits for wedding, funerals and religious services, rites or ceremonies held in regions in the Grey-Lockdown level of the *Framework* to allow for up to 15 per cent total occupancy indoors, or up to 50 people outdoors ([link](#)).
- **March 11, 2021:** On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario Government activated an "emergency brake" in the Public Health Sudbury and Districts region ([link](#)).

- **February 26, 2021:** The Government of Ontario, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, moved nine public health regions to new levels in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*, including the Simcoe-Muskoka and Thunder Bay District Health Units, which moved into Grey-Lockdown. These moves take effect March 1, 2021 at 12:01am ([link](#)).
- **February 19, 2021:** The Government of Ontario extended the stay-at-home order in the Toronto and Peel Public Health Regions, along with the North Bay-Parry Sound District ([link](#)).
- **February 8, 2021:** The Government of Ontario extended the stay-at-home order across most of the province and the province will gradually transition each region from the shutdown measures ([link](#)).
- **January 29, 2021:** The Government of Ontario extended the declared provincial emergency and stay-at-home orders until February 9, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 29, 2021:** The Government of Ontario announced mandatory on-arrival testing for international travellers at Toronto Pearson International Airport effective at 12:01pm on February 1, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 27, 2021:** The Government of Ontario announced that it would be taking additional measures to protect farmworkers during the pandemic by expanding province-wide inspections to farms, greenhouses and other agricultural operations to ensure health and safety measures are being followed ([link](#)).
- **January 23, 2021:** The Government of Ontario increased workplace inspections to a variety of workplaces in Ottawa, Windsor, Niagara and Durham by ministry inspectors, and local bylaw and police officers, to ensure workers and customers are complying with COVID-19 safety requirements ([link](#)).
- **January 16, 2021:** The Government of Ontario, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, extended most orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* to February 19, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 14, 2021:** The Government of Ontario announced increased workplace inspections to big-box stores in Toronto, Hamilton, Peel, York and Durham by ministry inspectors, and local bylaw and police officers, to ensure workers and patrons are complying with COVID-19 safety requirements ([link](#)).
- **January 14, 2021:** The Government of Ontario issued an emergency order to temporarily pause the enforcement of residential evictions for the duration of the provincial declaration of emergency ([link](#)).
- **January 12, 2021:** The Government of Ontario declared a second provincial emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA)*. The Government of Ontario announced, among other items, a province-wide stay-at-home order, requiring everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes, effective January 14, 2021 at 12:01am ([link](#)).

- **January 7, 2021:** The Government of Ontario extended online teacher-led learning in elementary schools in Southern Ontario until January 25, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 7, 2021:** The Government of Ontario extended the shutdown in the seven public health regions in Northern Ontario until at least January 23, 2021. The impact of these measures throughout the province will be evaluated after 14 days to determine if it is safe to lift any restrictions or if they need to be extended ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that it will cancel all in-vehicle road tests. This measure is in effect across Northern Ontario until January 9 and across Southern Ontario until January 23 ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced a province-wide shutdown, effective December 26, 2020 at 12:01am. A full list of restrictions can be found [here](#). Measures will be in place for at least 14 days in Northern Ontario and at least 28 days in Southern Ontario ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that 6 public health regions will move to new levels with stronger public health measures, including the City of Hamilton, which will move into Grey-Lockdown. These moves take effect December 21, 2020 at 12:01am ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that Peel and Toronto will remain in lockdown until at least January 4, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 11, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that 7 public health regions will move to new levels with stronger public health measures, including Windsor-Essex and York region, which will move into Grey-Lockdown. These moves take effect December 14, 2020 at 12:01am ([link](#)).
- **December 10, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that all orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* have been extended until January 20, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 4, 2020:** The Government of Ontario moved three public health regions to new levels with stronger public health measures in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework* ([link](#)).
- **November 27, 2020:** The Government of Ontario moved five public health regions to new levels with stronger public health measures in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework* ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that effective November 23, 2020, all in-vehicle road tests in the City of Toronto and Peel Region, including the Brampton, Downsview, Etobicoke, Metro East, Mississauga and Port Union DriveTest centres will be cancelled ([link](#)).
- **November 20, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that the province is moving certain public health unit regions into new levels in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*, including moving Toronto and Peel into Lockdown as of November 23, 2020 at 12:01 am ([link](#)).

- **November 20, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended all orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* until December 21, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 20, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended most orders currently under force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*. This extension will be in effect until November 21, 2020, with certain exceptions ([link](#)).
- **October 20, 2020:** The Government of Ontario is amending emergency orders for regions under modified Stage 2 restrictions to clarify that classes delivered for the purpose of teaching or training amateur or professional dancers in dance techniques are permitted to operate provided specified conditions are met ([link](#)).
- **October 19, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health released guidelines for Halloween, and recommended against those in Ottawa, Peel, Toronto, and York Region participating in traditional door-to-door trick or treating ([link](#)).
- **October 17, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that effective Monday October 19, 2020 at 12:01 am, residents of long-term care homes will not be allowed to take short-term or temporary absences and only essential visitors will be allowed ([link](#)).
- **October 16, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that effective Monday, October 19, 2020 at 12:01 am, York Region will join Ottawa, Peel and Toronto public health unit regions in a modified Stage 2 ([link](#)).
- **October 14, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that effective October 16, 2020 and until further notice, residents of long-term care homes will not be allowed to take short-term or temporary absences in Ottawa, Toronto, and Peel ([link](#)).
- **October 9, 2020:** To protect the health and wellbeing of all Ontarians, the government is acting on the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Measures Table to put in place additional targeted public health measures in the Ottawa, Peel and Toronto public health unit regions. These modified Stage 2 restrictions will be for a period of at least 28 days ([link](#)).
- **October 5, 2020:** The Minister of Long-Term Care announced that starting October 7, 2020, only essential visitors will be allowed to visit long-term care homes in the City of Ottawa, the Region of Peel, and the City of Toronto ([link](#)).
- **October 2, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced new COVID-19 testing measures. These include a transition to appointment based testing starting October 6, 2020 and the discontinuation of walk-in testing services starting October 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 2, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced amendments to O. Reg 364/20, that include mandating the use of face coverings in all public indoor settings across the province with limited exceptions. Targeted measures will be implemented in Ottawa, Peel and Toronto. These measures will effect the capacity at restaurants, bars, other food and drink establishments (including nightclubs), gyms, and meeting and event facilities. A full list of amendments can be found [here](#). The amended order comes into effect on October 3, 2020 at 12:01 am ([link](#)).

- **October 2, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced the pausing of social circles and advised that all Ontarians allow close contact only with people living in their own household and maintain 2 metres physical distancing from everyone else, subject to limited exceptions ([link](#)).
- **September 30, 2020:** The Ontario government today released updated COVID-19 modelling, which shows the province is experiencing a second surge in cases similar to what other jurisdictions have experienced. Ontario has developed a comprehensive plan, *Keeping Ontarians Safe: Preparing for Future Waves of COVID-19*, to ensure the health care system is prepared for the immediate challenges of the fall including future surges and waves of COVID-19 and flu season ([link](#)).
- **September 25, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has amended order O. Reg 364/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 3 under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*. The amendments prohibit restaurants, bars, and other food and drink establishments from selling alcohol after 11:00 p.m., prohibit the consumption of alcohol on the premises after 12:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. (including employees), and require establishments to close by 12:00 a.m. and remain closed until 5:00 a.m. except for takeout or delivery. The amendments take effect province-wide effective 12:01 a.m. on September 26, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 23, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that starting Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, COVID-19 testing will be available by appointment at up to 60 pharmacies across the province ([link](#)).
- **September 19, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended the previously announced restrictions on unmonitored social gatherings to the entire province ([link](#)).
- **September 17, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has amended order O. Reg 364/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 3 under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*. The amendments set a new limit reducing the number of people permitted to attend unmonitored social gatherings and organized public events in three regions within the boundaries of the following public health units: (i) Ottawa Public Health; (ii) Peel Public Health; and (iii) Toronto Public Health ([link](#)).
- **July 16, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has extended most emergency orders currently in force under s. 7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until July 29, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 9, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has extended all emergency orders currently in force under s. 7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until July 22, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 7, 2020:** The Government of Ontario introduced legislation to protect public health as the economy reopens ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** Toronto City Council voted unanimously in favour of requiring masks or face coverings in all enclosed public places as of July 7, 2020 to stop the spread of COVID-19 ([link](#)).

- **June 28, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has extended all emergency orders currently in force under s. 7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until July 10, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 24, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended the provincial Declaration of Emergency to July 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 24, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that it will implement a three-point plan to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 on farms and throughout the community in Windsor-Essex ([link](#)).
- **June 17, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has extended all emergency orders currently in force under s. 7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. This extension will be in effect until June 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 10, 2020:** The Ontario Labour Relations Board announced that all in-person hearing are cancelled up to July 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 8, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that it intends to introduce changes to the *Commercial Tenancies Act* to protect commercial tenants from being locked out or having their assets seized by their landlords due to the negative impacts of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **June 6, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended the suspension of limitation periods and time periods in proceedings until September 11, 2020 under s. 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* ([link](#)).
- **June 6, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended all emergency orders currently in force under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until June 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 4, 2020:** The Ministry of Long-Term Care appointed William Osler Health System as interim manager at Woodbridge Vista Care Community long-term care home in Vaughan, Ontario ([link](#)).
- **June 2, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended the provincial Declaration of Emergency to June 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 2, 2020:** The Ministry of Long-Term Care has issued a Mandatory Management Order appointing St. Mary's General Hospital, a member of St. Joseph's Health System, in Kitchener to temporarily manage Forest Heights long-term care home for 90 days. The order may be extended beyond the 90 days, if necessary ([link](#)).
- **June 1, 2020:** The Government of Ontario enacted a new regulatory amendment that will put non-unionized employees on Infectious Disease Emergency Leave during the COVID-19 outbreak any time their hours of work are temporarily reduced by their employer due to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended the Incident Management System Long-Term Care Table mandate ([link](#)).

- **May 27, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended all emergency orders in force under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until June 9, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 25, 2020:** The Ministry of Long-Term Care ordered local hospitals to temporarily manage two long-term care homes for 90 days ([link](#)).
- **May 19, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended emergency orders which will remain in force until May 29, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of Ontario adopted an emergency order allowing the province to issue a mandatory management order for a long-term care home struggling to deal with a COVID-19 outbreak ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that it is working with the education sector to voluntarily place available employees in staffing roles needed at congregate care settings during the COVID-19 outbreak ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of Ontario passed legislative amendments in the *COVID-19 Response and Reforms to Modernize Ontario Act, 2020* that will provide relief and flexibility to different types of corporations and businesses in Ontario ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended the state of emergency to June 2, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 9, 2020:** The Government of Ontario approved an order that will enable available school board employees to be voluntarily redeployed to congregate care settings during the COVID-19 pandemic, including hospitals, long-term care homes, retirement homes, and women's shelters ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Ontario is investing in supportive housing in Kingston and Bracebridge to assist individuals experiencing homelessness. Further information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
- **May 6, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended the state of emergency to May 19, 2020.
- **May 5, 2020:** The Ontario Superior Court of Justice announced it will not resume in-person hearings of certain matters until at least July 6, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 5, 2020:** The Government of Ontario expanded virtual mental health services to help Ontarians experiencing anxiety and depression during the COVID-19 outbreak ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Ontario issued new temporary emergency orders under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to support the needs of the province's hospitals and health care workers so that they can better manage critical health care human resources during COVID-19 ([link](#)).

- **April 30, 2020:** The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario released further guidance on current processes and procedures ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced a new free 511 app which will provide truck drivers immediate access to the information they need to stay safe, fed and rested while delivering essential goods across the province during the COVID-19 outbreak ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Ontario expanded the list of essential workers eligible to receive free emergency child care during the COVID-19 outbreak ([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 reopen businesses, services and public spaces in gradual stages ([link](#)).
- **April 26, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended school closures until at least May 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 25, 2020:** The Government of Ontario introduced new measures and amended previous emergency orders to allow for the redeployment of staff, including those working in long-term care homes, to ensure they can work where they are needed most during the COVID-19 outbreak ([link](#)).
- **April 25, 2020:** The closure of Ontario's provincial parks was extended to May 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced the *COVID-19 Action Plan for Vulnerable People* to better protect vulnerable populations during the outbreak of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended all emergency orders under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until May 6, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of Ontario introduced a measure which allows mental health and addictions agencies to redeploy staff within different locations or between programs, and employ extra part-time staff, temporary staff or contractors ([link](#)).
- **April 21, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced a series of measures to provide relief to vulnerable provincial residents. The Government of Ontario partnered with the Ontario Community Support Program to serve meals to low-income seniors and people with disabilities. It has also doubled the Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) payments ([link](#)).

- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Ontario partnered with Rogers Communications and Apple to help support the educational needs of students and families during the COVID-19 outbreak ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** Through the Partnership's Place to Grow: Agri-Food Innovation Initiative, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) will immediately accept applications and will expedite the approval process to address sector labour concerns ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Ontario expanded the list of essential workers eligible to receive emergency child care. The list of additional frontline workers who can now access emergency childcare services can be found [here](#).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Ontario introduced a temporary emergency order. It will: (1) restrict retirement home employees from working in more than one health care setting, (2) allow Local Health Integration Networks to direct home care service providing organizations to safely reassign frontline staff to areas where they are most needed, and (3) allow reassignments of certain staff to locations where there is a local need during the outbreak, including child care, by-law enforcement, and public health services. Additionally, ambulance services can hire college students to provide services appropriate to their competence level and scope of practice ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of Ontario removed restrictions on auto insurance companies, allowing them to provide temporary insurance premium rebates to drivers during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** The Government of Ontario restricted long-term care staff from working in more than one long-term care home, retirement home or health care setting ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** The Government of Ontario passed the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act* to amend the *Education Act*, *Planning Act*, *Development Charges Act*, *Police Services Act* and the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act*. Changes to the *Education Act* allow school boards to continue charging fees on new construction and provides a province-wide approach to school suspensions and expulsions. Changes to the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act* will temporarily suspend student loan payments for OSAP borrowers and initiate a six-month interest-free moratorium on OSAP loans. Changes to *the Development Charges Act* suspend certain municipal planning timelines ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended the Declaration of Emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* for a further 28 days to May 12, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 13, 2020:** In consultation with the Ontario Privacy Commissioner, the Government of Ontario is developing a platform called Pandemic Threat Response (PANTHR) to hold secure health data and allow researchers to better support health system plans and responses ([link](#)).
- **April 11, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended the state of emergency until April 23, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **April 11, 2020:** The Government of Ontario introduced a series of new emergency orders. These orders address surge capacity in retirement homes, allow hospitals to increase capacity by using beds and services of retirement homes without labour relations implications, make it easier to repurpose buildings and put up temporary structures for healthcare facilities to use, and prohibit recreational camping on Crown land ([link](#)).
- **April 10, 2020:** The Government of Ontario enacted an emergency order to prohibit the collection of child care fees while child care services are not being provided. The order also prevents the loss of a child care space obtained prior to the closing of child care facilities ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** An emergency order has been amended to lift the suspension of limitation periods and procedural time periods under the *Construction Act*. This will allow for the release of holdback payments to contractors and subcontractors in the normal course, helping to resolve a potentially significant cash flow problem for the construction industry ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Government of Ontario partnered with SPARK Ontario and created a volunteer hub to help seniors and people with disabilities stay connected ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Government of Ontario launched an Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee to focus on getting businesses running and people back to work when the pandemic is over ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health provided a list of directives to protect long-term care homes from COVID-19 outbreaks. Among the directives is the mandatory testing and self-isolation of new residents, and the requirement for staff and essential visitors to wear masks ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Ontario Labour Relations Board issued a notice to the community regarding practice changes ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Government of Ontario extended construction hours to 24 hours per day for essential construction projects ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario authorized the delivery and curbside pick-up of cannabis from authorized retail stores ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** The Lieutenant Governor in Council made an order permitting the virtual witnessing for wills and powers of attorney ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** The Government of Ontario launched the Health Workforce Matching Portal to match health care workers with health care centres ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has made an emergency order that will allow police, firefighters and paramedics to obtain COVID-19 positive status information about individuals with whom they come into contact with ([link](#)).

- **April 4, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced an emergency order to offer staffing flexibility for services providing supports to adults with disabilities ([link](#)).
- **April 4, 2020:** The Government of Ontario intends to launch an online portal to connect workers with employers looking to fill positions in the agri-food sector ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** The Government of Ontario issued a temporary order allowing for more flexibility to recruit and reassign staff in retirement homes. The *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* has been amended to now require that retirement homes follow the Chief Medical Officer of Health's guidance and recommendations regarding infection control and prevention ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** The Government of Ontario introduced further business closures that will be effective April 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. These closures will remain in effect for 14 days ([link](#)). The list of essential workplaces can be found [here](#).
- **April 2, 2020:** Ontario Superior Court of Justice issued a Notice to the Profession concerning remote hearings and other procedures. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Government of Ontario has taken action to protect people and communities from the risk of preventable human-caused fires. Residents who live in a restricted fire zone cannot have an outdoor fire ([link](#)). Further information on fire zones can be found [here](#).
- **March 31, 2020:** Pursuant to a new Emergency Order, individuals who are being charged with an offence under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) will be required to identify themselves if asked by a provincial offences officer. Individuals who fail to correctly identify themselves may be fined \$750 or \$1,000 for obstructing any person in exercising a power if a provincial offences officer issues a ticket. Failure to comply with an Emergency Order could result in up to one-year imprisonment or a fine of up to \$100,000 for an individual, \$500,000 for a director of a corporation, or \$10,000,000 for a corporation. These penalties apply in addition to the penalties for breaching other emergency orders ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2020:** The Government of Ontario implemented an Emergency Order to provide flexibility to corporate meetings. The Emergency Order allows all corporations under the *Corporations Act* and *Business Corporations Act* to hold meetings of directors, shareholders, and members virtually (i.e., electronically or by telephone). The timeframes by which corporations under both pieces of legislation must hold Annual General Meetings in certain circumstances related to the emergency have been extended. Further information on this Emergency Order, can be found [here](#).
- **March 31, 2020:** Public schools will remain closed to teachers until at least May 1, 2020, and students until May 4, 2020. Private schools, child care centres and EarlyON programs will remain closed until April 13, 2020. The second phase of Learn at Home to help reconnect students and teachers will also commence ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2020:** Payments for Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) loans will be temporarily deferred, and there will be an interest-free moratorium until September

30, 2020. The Government of Ontario will also make online learning supports, including year-end exams, available to post-secondary institutions ([link](#)).

- **March 30, 2020:** Premier Doug Ford announced that the state of emergency which is set to expire on March 31, 2020, will be extended for another two weeks. In addition, the new order additionally closed all communal or shared, public or private, outdoor recreational amenities, including but not limited to playgrounds, sports fields, basketball and tennis courts, off-leash dog parks, beaches, skateboard and BMX parks, picnic areas, outdoor community gardens, park shelters, outdoor exercise equipment, condo parks and gardens, and other outdoor recreational amenities ([link](#)).
- **March 28, 2020:** The Government of Ontario restricted gatherings to no more than 5 people. They also made orders prohibiting price gouging for “necessary” goods, including personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves, non-prescription medications for the treatment of symptoms of COVID-19, disinfecting agents or personal hygiene products. Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, individuals who breach these restrictions will face a maximum penalty of \$100,000 and a year in jail, directors of corporations will face a maximum penalty of \$500,000 and a year in jail, and corporations will face fines of up to \$10 million ([link](#)).
- **March 28, 2020:** New provincial regulations will enable the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services and the Ministry of Health to centrally manage public sector supply chains ([link](#)).
- **March 28, 2020:** Ontario will implement an emergency order to address restrictions around staffing, reporting complaints, and documentation to help ensure there are enough staff to care for residents in long-term care homes. The order will also redeploy inspectors to critical areas ([link](#)).
- **March 27, 2020:** Travellers returning to Ontario are required to self-isolate for 14 days. They may not visit stores, family or friends.
- **March 25, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released Ontario Regulation 82/20 filed March 24, 2020 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. It mandates the closure of non-essential businesses. It authorizes temporary access to a non-essential business (businesses not listed in Schedule 2), for the purposes of: performing work in order to comply with any applicable laws, allowing inspections and repairs, allowing security services to be provided, to deal with critical matters that cannot be dealt with remotely, or accessing materials that are necessary to operate remotely. It further provides that businesses are not precluded from operating remotely. Ontario Regulation 82/20 can be accessed [here](#).
- **March 24, 2020:** Pursuant to the declared emergency, a new order was issued for health sector workers, including long-term care workers. The order allows for the redeploying of staff to or between locations, changing work assignments, changing shift assignments, deferring or cancelling vacations and leaves, employing extra temporary or part-time staff, greater use of volunteers, and the provision of new education and training of individuals in new roles ([link](#)).

- **March 23, 2020:** Premier Doug Ford announced the mandatory closure of all non-essential workplaces. This takes effect on March 24, 2020 at 11:59 PM and will continue for 14 days. The list of essential workplaces in Ontario can be found [here](#).
- **March 20, 2020:** The Cabinet made an order under s. 7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to suspend limitation periods and procedural time periods. The suspension is retroactive to March 16, 2020.
- **March 17, 2020:** The Government of Ontario declared a provincial state of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public. The following establishments are required to close until March 31, 2020: all bars and restaurants, except to the extent that such facilities provide takeout and food delivery, all facilities providing indoor recreational programs, all public libraries, all private schools, all licensed child care centres, all movie cinemas, all theatres, including those offering live performances of music, dance and other art forms and all concert venues.
  - The Government of Ontario also prohibited all organized public events of over 50 people, including parades, events and communal services within places of worship.
- **March 17, 2020:** Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, advised Ontarians to self-isolate for 14 days following their return from travel outside Canada, including the United States.
- Further information is available on the Government of Ontario's [website](#).
- Further information about the Ontario government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" explainer, [here](#).

## Québec

- **April 7, 2021:** Premier François Legault announced a tightening of health guidelines for red and orange alert levels beginning Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 12:01 am ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2021:** Premier François Legault announced that, starting on April 1 at 8:00 pm, the Lower St. Lawrence, National Capital, Chaudière-Appalachian and Ottawa regions will return to the maximum alert level ([link](#)).
- **March 24, 2021:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until April 2, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 17, 2021:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until March 26, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 3, 2021:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until March 12, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 25, 2021:** Following the recommendations of Public Health and the *Institut national de santé publique du Québec*, the wearing of the pediatric intervention mask (procedure) will henceforth be mandatory at all times in elementary schools for students attending an institution located in a red zone ([link](#)).

- **February 20, 2021:** The Government of Québec amended the order of measures to protect the health of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic situation, placing various regions in the “orange” and “red” zones, effective February 22, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 17, 2021:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until February 26, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 10, 2021:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until February 19, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 3, 2021:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until February 12, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 27, 2021:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until February 5, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 13, 2021:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until January 22, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 6, 2021:** The Government of Québec announced additional public health measures, effective January 9, 2021 through February 8, 2021. The measures will be applicable province-wide, with the exceptions of the territories of Nunavik and Terres-Criées-de-la-Baie-James. The measures include a curfew between 8pm and 5am, the closure of non-essential businesses, limiting all social, recreational and sports activities to the family bubble, the prohibition of indoor sports outside of the school context, and additional measures in schools ([link](#)).
- **January 6, 2021:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until January 15, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 30, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until January 8, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 16, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until December 25, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that from December 17, 2020 at 12:01am to January 10, 2021 at 11:59pm, telework will be mandatory in all regions, except for workers whose physical presence is deemed necessary by their employer for the continuation of business ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that from December 25, 2020 at 12:01am to January 10, 2021 at 11:59pm, all non-priority businesses must close. Large box stores will only be allowed to sell essential goods ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that from December 17, 2020 at 12:01am to January 10, 2021 at 11:59pm, the regions in the orange zone must adhere to the gathering restrictions in place for red zones and the regions in the yellow zone must adhere to the gathering restrictions in place for orange zones ([link](#)).

- **December 14, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services announced that as of December 17, 2020, the Vallée-de-la-Gatineau and Papineau health regions are moving to the maximum alert level ([link](#)).
- **December 11, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services announced that as of December 14, 2020 at 12:01am, the Laurentides and Pays-d'en-Haut health regions are moving to the maximum alert level for all changes except for school and sports environments, which will come into effect on December 17, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **December 9, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until December 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **December 3, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that, effective December 4, 2020, retail and food businesses, pharmacies, and branches of the Société des alcools du Québec will have to reduce the maximum number of customers who can be in their establishment ([link](#)).
- **December 2, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that private gatherings in regions and territories that are on maximum alert will be prohibited for the entire holiday season ([link](#)).
- **November 25, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until December 2, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 20, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services announced that as of November 23, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., the Nord-du-Québec health region will go to maximum alert level for all changes except for school and sports environments, which will come into effect on November 25, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 19, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that primary schools will close from December 17, 2020 to January 3, 2021 and secondary schools will close from December 17, 2020 to January 10, 2021. Students will follow a distance education curriculum, according to the established school calendar ([link](#)).
- **November 18, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until November 25, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 11, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until November 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 11, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services announced that the Estrie health region is going to maximum alert level as of November 12, 2020 at 12:01am for all changes except for school and sports environments, which will come into effect on November 13, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 4, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until November 11, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 3, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services announced that the Magdalen Islands territory will be reduced to the yellow alert level as of 12:01am on November 6, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **October 28, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until November 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 28, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that commencing November 2, 2020, Secondary 3 students will also attend school every other day ([link](#)).
- **October 28, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services announced that the MRCs of Montcalm and Matawinie are being raised to the red alert level. The measures effecting bars and restaurants with this change of zones will take effect October 31, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Measures relating to schools and sports will come into force on November 2, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 26, 2020:** The Prime Minister and the Minister of Health and Social Services announced the need to maintain the effort for four additional weeks in the red zones, until November 23, 2020. However, some easing of measures could be announced in two weeks for regions where downward trends of cases continues ([link](#)).
- **October 23, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services announced that the city of L'Épiphanie will be raised to the red alert level. The measures effecting bars and restaurants with this change of zones will take effect October 26, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Measures relating to schools and sports will come into force on October 28, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 22, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that they are introducing technology that will optimize the COVID-19 screening process through a project called *Health Connect* ([link](#)).
- **October 21, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until October 28, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 14, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until October 21, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 13, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced multiple changes to the levels of regional alerts. The associated changes regarding bars and restaurants in areas moving into the red zone will take effect October 16, 2020, while those concerning schools and sports will take effect October 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 10, 2020:** The City of Gatineau and the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais will move to the red level on the provincial alert map ([link](#)).
- **October 8, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that the MRC de Portneuf, MRC Drummond, Bécancour, Nicolet-Yamaska, and the City of Trois-Rivières will move to the red level on the provincial alert map. Most measures will come into effect on October 10, 2020, but the closures relating to schools and sports will occur on October 14, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 8, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that random police checkpoints will be deployed on October 9, 2020 in order to limit non-essential travel ([link](#)).

- **October 7, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the suspension of all organized sports and leisure activities and the closure of all fitness centres and training rooms, starting October 8, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 7, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that all staff and students in high schools will be required to wear masks at all times, and that Secondary 4 and 5 students will transition to a hybrid teaching environment ([link](#)).
- **October 5, 2020:** The Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education announced a variety of new measures for students and staff attending schools in red zones. A full list of the changes can be found [here](#).
- **October 5, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that no person can require another person to install Health Canada's COVID Alert application, disclose the information contained within it, or discriminate against anyone on the basis of whether they have installed the application or not ([link](#)).
- **October 4, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that starting October 5, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., the municipalities of Maria, Carleton-sur-Mer, and Nouvelle will move to the red level on the provincial alert system map ([link](#)).
- **September 28, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that the entire territory of the Montreal Metropolitan Community, the MRC de la Rivière-du-North, the Chaudière-Appalaches region and a portion of the Capitale-Nationale will turn red on Québec's provincial alert system map. Additionally, the regions that were green will turn yellow and the regions that were yellow will turn orange ([link](#)).
- **September 28, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that additional temporary measures will be put into effect starting October 1, 2020 for those regions moving to the red alert level. A list of the measures can be found [here](#). The Order states that only the occupants of the same residence may be assembled and it is now prohibited to organize or take part in gathering in an outdoor public place. There is no 2-metre exception for gatherings ([link](#)).
- **September 28, 2020:** The Ministry of Health and Social Services announced that in order to optimize screening for people at higher risk of being infected, access to screening could be refused to a person who is not one of the priority clientele. At this time, priority clientele are people who have symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and people who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **September 23, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until September 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 20, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services announced that the size of organized gatherings where the sale or service of alcoholic beverages is permitted or in a room where any event or reception is held has been reduced from 250 to 50 people ([link](#)).
- **September 20, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that Montreal, part of the Capitale-Nationale region, including Québec City and Chaudière-Appalaches have turned from yellow to orange on the Province's provincial alert system map ([link](#)).

- **September 16, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until September 23, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 12, 2020:** The Government of Québec issued a new order regarding fines for those who refuse to wear masks ([link](#)).
- **September 9, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency until September 16, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 9, 2020:** The Government of Québec ordered measures to protect the health of the population of Québec ([link](#)); an employer is prohibited from dismissing, suspending or displacing an employee covered by the definition of paragraph 10° of section 1 of the Act respecting labour standards (chapter N-1. (1), including an employee referred to in section 3 of that Act, to take discriminatory measures or reprisals against him or her or to impose any other penalty if he or she is absent from work for a maximum period of 14 continuous days and such absence results from the fact that he or she is isolated pursuant to a recommendation or order of a public health authority and is unable to work.
- **September 2, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency until September 9, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 26, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency until September 2, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 19, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until August 26, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 12, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until August 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 5, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until August 12, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 29, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the order declaring a public health emergency until August 5, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 22, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency until July 29, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 17, 2020:** Effective on July 18, 2020, the Société des alcools du Québec (“SAQ”) customers entering a branch must wear a face covering in order to comply with the new government and public health directives ([link](#)).
- **July 10, 2020:** The Government of Québec issued a new order regarding health instructions to be followed in bars ([link](#)).
- **July 9, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services and the national Director of Public Health announced additional measures to ensure health instructions are followed in bars ([link](#)).

- **July 8, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency until July 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 2, 2020:** The National Directorate of Public Health and the Government of Québec announced that it will be mandatory for people aged 12 years and over to wear face masks on public transport as of July 13, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency until July 8, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** The Government of Québec amended the order of measures to protect the health of the population in the COVID-19 pandemic situation regarding educational and teaching services ([link](#)).
- **June 29, 2020:** The Government of Québec revealed that wearing masks on public transit will soon be mandatory ([link](#)).
- **June 28, 2020:** In accordance with Public Health directives, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing who is responsible for the administration of the Elections Act and referendums in municipalities has requested to postpone any by-election until August 7, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 26, 2020:** The Government of Québec amended the order of measures to protect the health of the population in the COVID-19 pandemic situation ([link](#)).
- **June 23, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency until June 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 17, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency until June 23, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 10, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency for a further 8 days ([link](#)).
- **June 4, 2020:** The Minister of the Economy and Innovation announced additional protections for commercial tenants ([link](#)).
- **June 2, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the new accelerated program, *Support for assistance care in health care facilities*, to make up for the scarcity of resources in the field of care for the elderly and vulnerable ([link](#)).
- **May 25, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the establishment of more than 1,000 prevention officers from several departments and agencies. They will aim to inform and educate employers and workers on the health standards to put in the workplace to reduce and control the spread of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced salary regulation for health care sector workers hired through placement agencies ([link](#)).

- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced primary schools in the territory of the Metropolitan Community of Montreal (CMM) will not re-open before August, 2020. The re-opening of daycares in the region has been postponed to June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced a new measure increasing the autonomy of specialized nurse practitioners ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that starting May 16, 2020, the exemption allowing heavy vehicles to not abide by regulations restricting hours of driving announced on April 6, 2020, will no longer apply ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that “buffer zones” will be set up in community living environments to accommodate users who have been hospitalized before they are transferred to their living environment ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Québec suspended the coming into force of certain provisions of the Act mainly aimed at establishing the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) and Infrastructures technologiques Québec (ITQ). The provisions were initially supposed to come into force on June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Québec extended the Minister of Immigration’s consent to the stay of foreign students whose Certificate Quebec Acceptance Agreement expires on April 30, 2020, until December 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that regional travel restrictions will be lifted. Starting May 4, 2020 the regions of Laurentides, Lanaudière, Chaudière-Appalaches and the city of Rouyn-Noranda will reopen. Starting May 11, 2020, if the situation remains the same, the Outaouais except for Gatineau, Abitibi-Témiscamingue, La Tuque and Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean regions will reopen. Finally on May 18, 2020, the Bas-Saint-Laurent, Gaspésie, Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Charlevoix and Côte-Nord regions will reopen ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that it will launch a special program to support the bereaved during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Québec and the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail, announced that it will launch a virtual toolkit to help and support employers and workers in complying with the sanitary instructions issued by public health authorities ([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 reopen 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 reopen ([link](#)).

- **April 28, 2020:** With the gradual reopening of businesses, the CNESST has published a guide of sanitary norms to protect workers from COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 27, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced a temporary measure allowing certain corporate meetings to be held virtually ([link](#)).
- **April 27, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that preschools, primary schools and educational childcare services outside the Metropolitan Community of Montreal (CMM) will re-open on May 11, 2020. It is anticipated that preschools, primary schools and educational childcare services within the CMM will re-open on May 19, 2020. Students may return to class on a voluntary basis. Secondary schools, Cégeps and Universities will remain closed until September, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 26, 2020:** The Minister of Health ordered that: (i) any meeting, sitting or assembly that takes place in person, including that of a deliberative body, may be held using a means that enables all members to communicate with each other immediately, (ii) emergency childcare services are extended to a child whose parent is employed by a slaughterhouse or is a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, and (iii) biofood producers and processors are authorized to rent accommodation units in an accommodation establishment to house their employees ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of Québec modified the regions effected by the fire ban ([link](#)).
- **April 22, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency for a further 8 days ([link](#)).
- **April 22, 2020:** The Minister of Health empowered the Commission de la construction du Québec to exercise its supervisory powers for the purposes of verifying on construction sites, the application of certain measures contained in the *Guide COVID-19 - Chantiers de construction* published by CNESST on April 13, 2020, and inform CNESST of any breach ([link](#)).
- **April 22, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that it will present a plan to gradually reopen schools and to restart the economy outside of Montreal and Laval next week ([link](#)).
- **April 21, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that employers in priority sectors can post job offers on an online platform at Québec.ca ([link](#)).
- **April 20, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced schools will remain closed beyond May 4, 2020, but it is exploring the possibility of reopening them on May 11, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Québec added domestic storage, printing (media and telecommunications), and sales services (transport and logistics) to the list of essential services ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** Persons enrolled in college or university programs whose diploma grants them access to a permit to practice within certain professions have been granted

a special authorization to practice. The professions concerned are: nurses, nursing assistants, respiratory therapists, medical technologists, medical imaging technologists in the field of radiodiagnostics or in the field of nuclear medicine, and social workers ([link](#)).

- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of Québec extended the payment of annual registration fees with the *Registraire des entreprises* to September 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of Québec introduced temporary measures to help administrators of supplemental pension plans and their participants. Deadlines linked to certain regulatory and legislative obligations have been extended. All acquittals (transfers and refunds) made by December 31, 2020, must be calculated based on the estimated credit worthiness, updated on March 31, 2020 or on the last working day of the month preceding the date on which the participant's rights were valued, if this date is later. Rules on disbursement of sums immobilized in life income funds have been relaxed ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of Québec banned open fires in or near forests to preserve the operational capacity of the Society for the Protection of Forests against Fire (SOPFEU) and of the various municipal fire departments during the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** On May 1, 2020, the general minimum wage rate will increase by 60 cents to \$13.10 per hour. Further information on minimum wage increases can be found [here](#).
- **April 13, 2020:** The CNESST published a Guide for the management of COVID-19 on construction sites ([link](#)).
- **April 13, 2020:** Mining activities were added to the list of priority activities and services. Mining activities will be permitted in a gradual and supervised manner starting April 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 13, 2020:** Residential construction projects scheduled for July 31, 2020 have been added to the list of priority services and activities. Such projects will be allowed to resume on April 20, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 13, 2020:** Effective April 15, 2020, the list of essential services and commercial activities has been expanded to include, landscaping and landscape maintenance (including nurseries, garden centers and businesses selling swimming pools); products, parts and other equipment necessary for transportation and logistics services; service stations, vehicle maintenance and repair, tow truck firms, trucks and specialized equipment, and roadside assistance. ([link](#))
- **April 11, 2020:** The Government of Québec ordered the inspection of all 40 private unfunded long-term care facilities in the province ([link](#)).
- **April 11, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced a temporary suspension of custody or access rights of one parent when the other parent resides in a shelter for victims of domestic violence which imposes isolation measures on the people it receives ([link](#)).

- **April 10, 2020:** The Government of Québec reinforced protection measures for seniors and vulnerable people ([link](#)).
- **April 10, 2020:** The Government of Québec has requested the cancellation of festivals, sporting events, and cultural events until August 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources temporarily changed the date required for the switch to summer gasoline from April 9, 2020 to June 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Government of Québec lifted the road ban on large transport trucks for Good Friday and Easter Monday ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Autorité des marchés financiers introduced new measures to support insurers, financial planners, and money and financial services. These measures include the deferral of payments for fees payable, extensions of expired certificates and other relief measures ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Government of Québec suspended the validity period of all mining claims in force in Québec for a period of 12 months ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** Premier Legault announced that health care workers will be redeployed to various senior residences to meet increased needs ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced the containment of Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs in the Bas-Saint-Laurent health region. People will no longer be able to leave or access the region unless they fall within an enumerated exception. Further travel restrictions have also been implemented to prevent non-essential movement in the regional county municipalities of Bellechasse, L'Islet and Montmagny, and the Chaudière-Appalaches health region ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** Premier Legault announced that there should be no physical gatherings for Easter ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** The Québec Tourism and Hospitality Institute will provide 800,000 meals to those in need ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** The Court of Appeal for Québec has established a digital registry that will allow for the electronic filing of an appeal ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** The City of Montreal canceled all summer festivals and events until July 2, 2020. ([link](#))
- **April 7, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency for a further 10-day period ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** The Government of Québec exempted owners and operators of heavy vehicles from legislative and regulatory obligations related to driving and rest hours for those transporting essential goods ([link](#)).

- **April 6, 2020:** The Government of Québec launched a \$100 million program to subsidize businesses that initiate employee training ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** A new learning platform for students will launch on April 13, 2020 and can be accessed at [enclasse.telequebec.tv](http://enclasse.telequebec.tv) ([link](#)).
- **April 5, 2020:** The Government of Québec extended the closure of all non-essential businesses until May 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced that in an effort to continue municipal projects, municipal organizations must open tenders without the presence of the public or those who have bid ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Minister of Environment instituted a temporary measure exempting companies from the requirement to obtain an environmental authorization before being able to modify production to meet the demand for a priority service or activity related to the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Government of Québec postponed planting deadlines to provide additional time for farmers to plant their crops without being penalized ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Premier of Québec has requested that provincial and municipal police officers enforce emergency measures against individuals and businesses. Fines of \$1,000 to \$6,000 can be imposed by the police ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2020:** Justice Québec announced several new temporary orders. The payment of legal fees to the court is postponed. The territorial powers of Justices of the Peace and Judicial Officers have been extended to all judicial districts. Procedural documents may now be filed in a district different from where it was to be filed and hearings may be transferred to a new district ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2020:** Further travel restrictions have been implemented to prevent non-essential movement in four new regions: l'Outaouais health region, the territories and municipalities of Antoine-Labelle and Argenteuil in the Laurentians health region, the territories of Autray, Joliette, Matawinie and Montcalm in the Lanaudière health region, and l'agglomération de La Tuque in the Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec health region ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2020:** Pharmacies, grocery stores, and establishments offering grocery or pharmacy services in outside shopping centers are allowed to extend their hours of operation beyond legal periods from Monday to Saturday in order to meet the needs of their clientele ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2020:** Maritime service to l'île d'Anticosti and la Basse-Côte-Nord has prohibited passenger transport, vehicle transport, receipt of goods from individuals, and the vessels will not stop in ports where cargo operations are not required ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** Québec Premier François Legault announced that all stores must close every Sunday in April, with the exception of gas stations, convenience stores, pharmacies and restaurants providing takeout and delivery ([link](#)).

- **March 30, 2020:** The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Québec announced a temporary measure to suspend decisions and orders of the Superior Court concerning supervised visits, generally by community organizations, between a child and his parent, grandparents or any other person ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** The Caisse de dépôt et de placements du Québec announced a \$4-billion envelope to support Québec companies impacted by COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** Government of Québec announced the launch of *Open school*, an online platform aimed at teaching children and teenagers whose schools are closed ([link](#)).
- **March 29, 2020:** Government of Québec announced \$133-million to help senior and special care residences cope with the new health measures ([link](#)).
- **March 29, 2020:** Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency for a further 10-day period ([link](#)).
- **March 28, 2020:** The Government of Québec ordered the closure of tourist accommodation establishments, such as chalets, second homes for rent, Bed and Breakfasts and inns. Certain campsites hosting snowbirds with no other accommodation option that have sufficient sanitary facilities and hotels are exempt ([link](#)).
- **March 28, 2020:** Temporary measures were announced that allow notaries and bailiffs to complete their functions remotely.
- **March 28, 2020:** Only essential travel into le Bas-Saint-Laurent, l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue, la Côte-Nord, le Nord-du-Québec, le Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, la Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, le Nunavik, and les Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-James will be permitted. Police checkpoints will be set up to enforce this measure ([link](#)).
- **March 28, 2020:** Health care workers who wish to interrupt their parental leave will have six additional months to use their benefits from the Québec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP). ([link](#))
- **March 27, 2020:** The Government of Québec has allowed businesses to postpone filing their returns until June 30, 2020 and payments in respect of the March 31, April 30 and May 31 QST remittances, without interest or penalties. It will also accelerate the processing of requests for tax credits intended for businesses and tax refunds ([link](#)).
- **March 27, 2020:** City of Montreal declared a state of emergency pursuant to section 42 of the *Civil protection act*.
- **March 27, 2020:** The Ministère des Transports announced the reopening of several rest stops to support those that must travel. However, the Government of Québec still advised against non-essential interregional travel ([link](#)). As of April 3, 2020, any unsubsidized daycare that remains open must close. The Government of Québec will provide childcare, free of charge, for health workers and essential services at a subsidized daycare. More information on childcare can be found [here](#).

- **March 26, 2020:** As a result of a decline in the use of public transit, Montreal and Québec City have announced that new public transit services will be reduced effective March 30, 2020. Further information on the new Montreal public transit schedules can be found [here](#). Further information on the Québec City public transit schedules can be found [here](#).
- **March 24, 2020:** Following the March 23<sup>rd</sup> order that all non-essential businesses must close, the Government of Québec added that businesses that are non-essential, excluding stores, can maintain minimal operations to ensure the resumption of their activities, bearing in mind the directives issued by public health authorities ([link](#)). Minister of Justice announced the suspension of certain time limits for penal proceedings until the declaration of a public health emergency expired, except for cases deemed urgent by the courts. Also suspended during this period are time limits to retain a thing seized or the proceeds of a sale thereof and to obtain an extension of the retention (ss. 40.4 and 40.7 of the *Tax Administration Act*). In addition, any search may be authorized by a telewarrant ([link](#)).
- **March 23, 2020:** Premier François Legault announced the mandatory closure of all non-essential businesses, effective midnight of March 24, 2020. This order will remain in effect until April 13, 2020. The list of essential services and commercial activities in Québec can be found [here](#).
- **March 22, 2020:** As of midnight on March 22, 2020, Québec closed all shopping malls and hair and beauty salons. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and SAQ stores will remain open, as well as stores that are accessible by an exterior entrance. All restaurants must close dining-room service, while take-out service can continue. Schools and daycares remain closed until at least May 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **March 21, 2020:** The Government of Québec renewed the state of emergency for a further 10-day period. All gatherings of people indoors and outdoors are forbidden unless it:
  - Is required by a work environment that is not the subject of a suspension by decree;
  - Is to obtain a good or a service from an establishment or a person whose activities are not suspended by decree;
  - Is in a transportation vehicle;
  - For an exterior assembly if, a) the people assembling live in the same residence, b) if one person is receiving a service from another, c) if a minimum distance of 2 meters is observed;
  - Is inside a private residence for its occupants.

For the first 3 exceptions, a distance of 2 meters must be respected amongst the people gathering. By the same decree, the Government of Québec suspended all periods of time to introduce an action until the end of the state of emergency for the Tribunal administratif du Québec, the Tribunal administratif du travail, the Tribunal administratif des marchés financiers, the Commission de la fonction publique and the section jurisdictional section of the Commission d'accès à l'information. The exception to this is with respect to an action introduced following section 22 of the *Labour code* concerning certification of employee associations (i.e. certification of unions) ([link](#)). The renewal of

the state of health emergency also has the effect of renewing, until March 29, 2020, the suspension of limitation periods and procedural delays initially ordered on March 15, 2020.

- **March 21, 2020:** Government of Québec adopted a decree allowing for the modification of several provisions of health sector collective agreements ([link](#)).
- **March 20, 2020:** Public health officials asked hotels to accommodate non-infectious minor hospital cases in order to free up beds for COVID-19 patients in hospitals ([link](#)).
- **March 20, 2020:** The Ministère de la Justice issued an interpretation bulletin recognizing the validity of affidavits completed remotely via technological means that meet certain conditions ([link](#)).
- **March 19, 2020:** Premier of Québec asked people not to travel between regions unless essential ([link](#)).
- **March 18, 2020:** Government of Québec suspended the education system's collective agreements in order to dispatch education personnel where needed during the crisis ([link](#)).
- **March 17, 2020:** Government of Québec announced delaying income tax declarations until June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **March 17, 2020:** Emergency daycare services were extended to include more parents working in services considered essential.
- **March 17, 2020:** Montreal public transit adopted measures limiting interactions between staff, drivers and the public ([link](#)).
- **March 16, 2020:** Government of Québec announced a special allocation program of \$573/week (Programme d'aide temporaire aux travailleurs) to help workers that are not otherwise compensated for isolation measures ([link](#)).
- **March 15, 2020:** To impede the spread of COVID-19 in Québec, the Government of Québec ordered the closure of the following businesses and public spaces until March 30, 2020: aquariums, skating rinks, bars and discotheques, libraries, sugar shacks, training gyms, dance halls and spinning, zumba and yoga centres, indoor soccer arenas, outdoor recreation centres, cinemas and games arcades, sample counters and booths in grocery and department stores, recreational sites (ski resorts, amusement parks, trampoline centres, etc.), museums, water parks, swimming pools, spas and saunas, restaurants offering buffet service, performance spaces, theatres, zoos and all other similar facilities.
  - The Government of Québec also asked restaurants and coffee shop owners to limit the number of customers to 50% of the rooms' capacity, that is, to one out of every two tables. However, buffet-style restaurants and sugar shacks must close temporarily. Take-out orders, deliveries and drive-through services are permitted. The SQDC and SAQ remain open, but the number of clients must be limited in order to respect social distancing. Online orders are encouraged. For places of worship, religious gatherings of all faiths should be suspended, unless

they are essential. If a gathering takes place, social distancing must be observed.

- Collective agreements between school boards and unions were modified ([link](#)). The Ministerial Order can be found [here](#).
- **March 15, 2020:** Chief Justice of Québec and Québec Minister for Justice jointly ordered the suspension of certain limitation periods and procedural periods of time pending the duration of the state of health emergency decreed on March 13, 2020. The joint order can be found [here](#).
- **March 14, 2020:** Government of Québec prohibited non-essential visits to hospitals, residential and long-term care centres (CHSLD), intermediate resources, family-type resources for the elderly and vulnerable adults and private seniors' homes.
- **March 14, 2020** Government of Québec recommended that people aged 70 and over stay at home and limit their movements except in exceptional situations, such as medical appointments ([link](#)).
- **March 13, 2020:** Government of Québec declared a provincial public health emergency. This granted the government the power to put in place measures aimed at ensuring the protection of the population's health. The state of emergency is declared for 10 days and is renewable for another 10 days thereafter. The following measures were notably adopted along with the health emergency:
  - Education establishments must suspend their activities;
  - Daycares must suspend their activities, however child care must be organized for children of healthcare workers, police, firefighters, ambulance workers, correctional services agents and special constables;
  - Indoor assemblies of over 250 people are forbidden;
  - Services provided by healthcare workers regarding COVID-19 by correspondence or by telecommunication are considered insured services;
  - The *Ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux* (Minister of Health) can make the expenses considered necessary;
  - The Minister of Health and the healthcare establishments can without delay or formalities conclude the contracts which they deem necessary, notably to acquire furniture, equipment, medication or to undertake construction;
  - The Minister of Health can take all other measures required to insure that the healthcare system has the human resources it requires; and
  - The Minister of Health can order all other measures necessary to protect the health of the population ([link](#)).
- **March 13, 2020:** The Government of Québec recommended voluntary self-isolation for 14 days for anyone who returned from abroad on or after March 12, 2020.
  - The Government of Québec also mandated isolation for 14 days for all public service employees and health care, education and daycare workers, both private and public, who return from abroad on or after March 12, 2020.
- **March 13, 2020:** The Superior Court and the Québec Court suspended activities except with respect to emergency proceedings.

- Further information is available on the Government of Québec's [website](#).

### **Newfoundland and Labrador**

- **November 23, 2020:** The Department of Health and Community Services announced that starting November 25, 2020, rotational workers from Newfoundland and Labrador who work in Canada and return from a site without an outbreak are now required to wait until day seven of their 14 day self-isolation period to arrange COVID-19 testing ([link](#)).
- **November 23, 2020:** Premier Furey announced that starting November 25, 2020 at 12:01 am, anyone arriving in the province from within the Atlantic Bubble will be required to self-isolate for 14 days ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador extended the time period that converts a temporary layoff into a permanent termination under the *Labour Standards Act*. The time period for making a complaint to the Director of Labour Standards has also been extended ([link](#)).
- **June 8, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced a further two-month extension of tax return filing deadlines to August 20, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 22, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the deferral or waiver of a number of fees, as well as steps to reduce regulatory burden for businesses ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the Students Supporting Communities Program. It will provide funding for student positions that help seniors and other vulnerable groups facing social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 6, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced additional supports for businesses to mitigate the future impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador partnered with 811 Healthline to connect individuals experiencing food insecurity with community food programs and other supports to access food during the COVID-19 public health emergency ([link](#)).
- **April 22, 2020:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador declared a ban on open fires including the setting of all open fires on forest land or within 300 metres of forest land for all regions within the province ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development announced the provision of technology to facilitate virtual visits for families who, before COVID-19, were having in person visits with their children in care ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** Select ecological reserves and nature parks will remain closed ([link](#)).

- **April 7, 2020:** Youth set to age out of a Youth Services Program will lose access to required supports during the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** An amendment has been made to the Shops' Closing Regulations to allow select stores to open for business on Good Friday. Stores that are not exempt under the Regulations, but are deemed by order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health as services essential to the life, health or personal safety of individuals and animals, will be provided the option to open for business on Good Friday ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources extended the annual validation expiry date for aquaculture licences from March 31, 2020 to May 31, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Minister of Education announced the cancellation of public examinations in schools. Students' grades will be based on work completed up to March 13, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **March 26, 2020:** Various legislative amendments were introduced at the House of Assembly to respond to COVID-19. The potential amendments ensure that tenants of rental properties cannot be evicted if they cannot pay rent due to lost income related to COVID-19. The amendments would also introduce a variety of economic supports.
- **March 25, 2020:** Effective March 26, 2020, passengers travelling on provincial ferries will be restricted to essential workers travelling to their workplace, patients travelling for medical reasons and those transporting essential goods.
- **March 23, 2020:** Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, Chief Medical Officer of Health, ordered certain businesses to close immediately. All those announced as part of the March 18<sup>th</sup> order, were ordered to remain closed, with the additional closure of personal service establishments and retail stores (unless they provide services essential to the life, health or personal safety of individuals and animals). The new order prohibited gatherings of more than 10 people, including at funerals, visitations and weddings ([link](#)).
- **March 20, 2020:** Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, Chief Medical Officer of Health, ordered all individuals arriving in Newfoundland and Labrador from outside the province to self-isolate for 14 days. Individuals arriving from other provinces and territories were included.
- **March 18, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Community Services declared COVID-19 a public health emergency under the *Public Health Protection and Promotion Act*. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador ordered the closure of the following businesses: gyms and fitness facilities, including yoga studios, tennis and squash facilities, dance studios, businesses that hold a license under the *Liquor Control Act* whose primary purpose is the consumption of beer, wine, or spirits, cinemas, arenas, performance spaces, and bingo halls.
  - Restaurants are permitted to operate at 50 per cent capacity, as long as appropriate social distancing (2 arms' length from others) can be maintained. Gatherings of 50 or more are not permitted. This includes funerals and visitation to funeral homes.

- Further information is available on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador’s [website](#).
- Further information on the Newfoundland and Labrador government’s emergency powers, can be found on our “Can they do that?” explainer, [here](#).

## **New Brunswick**

- **April 13, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that restrictions on the New Brunswick border will be reinstated on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 8 a.m ([link](#)).
- **April 12, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that a section of Zone 4 (Edmundston region), including Edmundston and the upper Madawaska region will go into lockdown effective at 11:59pm on April 12, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 24, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that the area in which the Red level applies in Zone 4 (Edmundston region) has been extended to Saint-Leonard, Grand Falls, Drummond, New Denmark and Four Falls ([link](#)).
- **March 5, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced all zones in the province will move to the updated Yellow level on March 7, 2021 at 11:59pm ([link](#)).
- **February 26, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced changes to the restrictions in the Orange and Yellow levels ([link](#)).
- **February 18, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced Zone 4 (Edmundston region) will move to the Orange level effective at midnight on February 18, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 8, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced Zone 1 (Moncton region) will move to the Orange level, and Zone 4 (Edmundston region) will move to the Red level effective at midnight on February 8, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 26, 2021;** The Government of New Brunswick announced Zone 2 (Saint John region) and Zone 3 (Fredericton region) will move to the Orange level effective at midnight on January 26, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 22, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced all individuals entering the province must self-isolate for 14 days, with some exceptions, effective at midnight on January 23, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 22, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced Zone 4 (Edmundston region) will be placed in full lockdown, effective at midnight on January 23, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 19, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that as of midnight, Zone 1 (Moncton region), Zone 2 (Saint John region) and Zone 3 (Fredericton region) will move to the Red level under the province’s revised COVID-19 recovery plan ([link](#)).

- **January 17, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that as of midnight, Zone 4 (Edmundston region) will move to the Red level under the province's revised COVID-19 recovery plan ([link](#)).
- **January 9, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that students travelling into the province from other Canadian provinces due to formal custody or care agreements must receive weekly COVID-19 tests. This also applies to student in kindergarten to Grade 8 living in Québec or Nova Scotia who attend school in New Brunswick ([link](#)).
- **January 8, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick further restricted travel into New Brunswick and revised guidelines for isolation requirements. A full list of restrictions can be found [here](#).
- **January 4, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that as of midnight, the entire province will move to the Orange level under the province's revised COVID-19 recovery plan ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that as of midnight, Zone 4 (Edmundston region) will move to the Yellow level under the province's revised COVID-19 recovery plan ([link](#)).
- **December 11, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that as of midnight, Zone 4 (Edmundston region) will move to the Orange level under the province's revised COVID-19 recovery plan ([link](#)).
- **December 11, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that under the Orange level, masks are still required in indoor and outdoor public spaces, but they will no longer be required to be worn outdoors when physical distancing can be maintained. Additionally, masks will no longer be required when accessing drive-thrus in Yellow level regions ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that as of midnight, Zone 3 (Fredericton) will move to Orange level under the province's revised COVID-19 recovery plan ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that as of midnight, people travelling into New Brunswick, including all of the Atlantic provinces, are required to self-isolate for 14 days unless exempt. Registration for travel into New Brunswick, including New Brunswickers returning home from travel, is now mandatory ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency order ([link](#)).
- **November 20, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that as of midnight, Zone 2 (Saint John) will move to Orange level under the province's revised COVID-19 recovery plan ([link](#)).

- **November 19, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that Zone 1 (Moncton) is moving to Orange level under the province's revised COVID-19 recovery plan as of midnight ([link](#)).
- **November 19, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that New Brunswick workers will now be required to undergo self-isolation for 14 days after returning to the province, unless they volunteer to test for COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **November 13, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency order ([link](#)).
- **November 6, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency order ([link](#)).
- **November 5, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick has announced that Zone 5 (Campbellton region) will return to the Yellow level at midnight tonight ([link](#)).
- **October 30, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency order ([link](#)).
- **October 29, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that workers entering or returning to New Brunswick from outside the Atlantic bubble are now subject to modified self-isolation directives for 14 days with the option of returning to regular public health measures by being voluntarily tested for COVID-19 and having negative results and no symptoms. This does not apply to truckers, daily commuters, or people travelling into the province under the authority of an operational plan approved by WorkSafe New Brunswick ([link](#)).
- **October 22, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced additional contact restrictions for residents of Zone 5 (Campbellton region). The Government of New Brunswick further announced Zone 1 (Moncton region) has returned to the Yellow level ([link](#)).
- **October 16, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency ([link](#)).
- **October 8, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that masks are now mandatory in most indoor public places ([link](#)).
- **October 2, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick renewed the state of emergency and released guidelines for Thanksgiving and Halloween ([link](#)).
- **September 22, 2020:** The wearing of face masks will become mandatory in all Service New Brunswick centres starting on October 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that Zone 5 will transition to the Yellow level on Friday, June 26, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 11, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency for a further 14 days ([link](#)).

- **May 28, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency for a further 14 days ([link](#)).
- **May 27, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that Zone 5 will transition back to Orange level ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency for a further 14 days ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency to May 14, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick introduced retroactive job protection measures for those who are not able to work because they have COVID-19, are caring for a person with whom they have a close family relationship who has the virus, are following self-isolation or quarantine protocols as directed by Public Health, or who cannot report to work because they are caring for their children due to school or daycare closures ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the validity of licences, registrations, certificates and permits issued under provincial laws that were valid as of March 16, 2020 to June 30, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** Municipal councils and council committees may now hold meetings electronically ([link](#)).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick will launch a job matching platform on May 4, 2020, to fill positions previously filled by temporary foreign workers ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced a mandatory order restricting temporary foreign workers from entering the province ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that students moving out of universities and community colleges, and those helping them, may enter the province for no longer than 24 hours ([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](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick removed the 30-day limit for prescriptions where shortages do not exist ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick passed legislative amendments that allow the government to quickly set up child care centres for children of essential service workers, if necessary. Amendments were also made to the *Employment Standards Act* to address issues related to leaves of absences due to a state of emergency ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency to April 30, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **April 16, 2020:** Premier Blaine Higgs announced that gardening and agricultural retailers can reopen ([link](#)).
- **April 16, 2020:** Premier Blaine Higgs announced that restaurants with a licence can sell liquor off their menu for take-out or delivery ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development delayed the opening of all recreational fishing seasons and the spring bear hunting season until at least May 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick established a pandemic task force vested with authority to determine the response of the health-care system ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** All provincial parks and playgrounds have been closed ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that campgrounds and other social venues will remain closed until further notice ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** Barring drastic improvements related to COVID-19, schools will not reopen to students this school year. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development released home learning plans and resources for families to support the continuity of learning while schools remain closed to students. Grade 12 students that were on track to graduate will graduate on time, and students positioned to continue to the next grade level will do so ([link](#)).
- **April 1, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick extended the state of emergency for another 14 days. Failing to comply with emergency orders could result in fines ranging from \$292.50 to \$10,200 ([link](#)).
- **March 28, 2020:** Service New Brunswick locations closed until April 1, 2020, at which point select service centres will open by appointment only.
- **March 27, 2020:** Health care workers that develop symptoms of COVID-19 are directed to immediately self-isolate. All school playgrounds and playgrounds associated with public housing facilities, are closed. Businesses that are allowed to be open must limit the number of customers to maintain physical distancing and must check that customers entering are not among those required to be in self-isolation. Failing to comply could result in enforcement by the Department of Public Safety or a stop-work order by WorkSafeNB.
- **March 25, 2020:** Dr. Jennifer Russell, Chief Medical Officer of Health, mandated 14 days of self-isolation for all individuals arriving from outside of the province. Additionally, all unnecessary travel into the province is prohibited and peace officers may turn away visitors ([link](#)).
- **March 19, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick declared a provincial state of emergency. With this declaration, the government mandated the closure of many public facing businesses and all businesses in retail sales are required to stop admitting patrons. Exceptions include: grocery stores, pharmacies, repair garages, post offices, financial and lending institutions, retailers of fuel, hardware and automotive parts, convenience stores, animal and fish feed providers, and corporate and agency stores of

NB Liquor and Cannabis NB. All businesses required to stop admitting patrons are permitted to sell online, over the phone and to arrange delivery or pick-up of purchases.

- As a result of the declaration: all food and beverage businesses reduced to take-out and delivery service only; all lounges and special facilities licensed under the Liquor Control Act will stop admitting patrons, all swimming pools, spas, saunas, waterparks, gymnasiums, yoga studios, dance studios, rinks and arenas, tennis courts, soccer and baseball fields, climbing walls, escape rooms, ski hills, golf courses, arcades, amusement centres, pool halls, bowling alleys, casinos, cinemas, libraries, museums, zoos, aquariums, barbers, hair stylists, esthetics service providers, sugar bush operations, theatres or other live performance venues will stop admitting members of the public; and schools, colleges, universities and private schools must be closed to students, online course delivery may continue (institutions with students in residence are permitted to allow them to remain in residence until they can safely return home).
- **March 13, 2020:** Given the vast number of countries reporting community or widespread transmission of COVID-19, the Government of New Brunswick ordered all travelers returning to Canada after March 13, 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Further information is available on the Government of New Brunswick's [website](#).
- Further information on the New Brunswick government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" explainer, [here](#).

## Nova Scotia

- [April 16, 2021: The Government of Nova Scotia renewed the provincial state of emergency until noon on May 2, 2021 \(link\).](#)
- **March 19, 2021:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the provincial state of emergency until noon on April 4, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 26, 2021:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that tighter restrictions will return in areas of Halifax Regional Municipality and some neighbouring municipalities, effective February 27, 2021 at 8am ([link](#)).
- **February 19, 2021:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced COVID-19 testing will be mandatory for travellers who are exempt from self-isolation in the province when they arrive by ferry from Newfoundland and Labrador, beginning February 21, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 19, 2021:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the provincial state of emergency until noon on March 7, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 9, 2021:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced increased border controls to those entering the province from Newfoundland and Labrador, effective February 10, 2021 at 8am ([link](#)).
- **January 22, 2021:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health announced most public health restrictions will be extended until February 7, 2021 at 11:59pm. Further, a number of restrictions will be eased starting January 25, 2021 ([link](#)).

- **January 12, 2021:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced mandatory testing for rotational workers who work outside Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador, effective January 15, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 8, 2021:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced new self-isolation requirements for people coming to Nova Scotia from New Brunswick, effective January 9, 2021 at 8am. People entering from New Brunswick will be required to complete the Nova Scotia Safe Check-In form before arriving and self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival ([link](#)).
- **January 8, 2021:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the provincial state of emergency until noon on January 24, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 23, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the provincial state of emergency until January 10, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 16, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that the current restrictions in the Halifax Regional Municipality and Hants County will be extended until December 20, 2020 at 11:59pm. Further, the closure of restaurants and licensed establishments for dine-in service will be extended until January 10, 2021 at 11:59pm ([link](#)).
- **December 16, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that effective 12:01am on December 21, 2020 to 11:59pm on January 10, 2021, in-home gatherings are limited to 10 people, inclusive of those residing in the residence. Further, all faith gatherings, wedding ceremonies and funeral services will be limited to 150 people outdoors or 50% of an indoor venue's capacity, up to a maximum of 100 people ([link](#)).
- **December 16, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that effective 12:01am on December 21, 2020 to 11:59pm on January 10, 2021, restaurants and licensed establishments outside of the HRM and Hants County must cease service by 10pm and close by 11pm. Additional restrictions have been put in place for all fitness facilities, personal service businesses, sports, museums, libraries, and long term care facilities. A full list of these restrictions are available here ([link](#)).
- **December 16, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that effective 12:01am on December 21, 2020 to 11:59pm on January 10, 2021, the retail and shopping mall rules currently in place for the HRM and Hants County will extend to the entire province, including operating at 25% of their capacity ([link](#)).
- **December 11, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until December 27, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **December 4, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the current restrictions in the areas of Halifax Regional Municipality and Hants County until at least December 16, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 27, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until December 13, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **November 25, 2020:** The Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister announced that effective November 25, 2020, rents cannot increase by more than 2% per year and landlords cannot get an eviction order for renovations. These protections will be in place until February 1, 2022, or until the state of emergency is lifted, whichever is sooner ([link](#)).
- **November 24, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced new restrictions in the Halifax Regional Municipality and across the province. The restrictions will come into force on November 26, 2020 at 12:01am and continue until midnight on December 9, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 20, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced new restrictions on gathering limits, social circles, and long-term care facilities in areas of Halifax Regional Municipality and Hants County. These restrictions will be in place from November 23, 2020 at 12:01am to December 21, 2020. ([link](#)).
- **November 13, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until November 29, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 9, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that effective immediately, if a person travelling for non-essential reasons enters Nova Scotia from outside Atlantic Canada, everyone in the home where they are self-isolating will have to isolate as well ([link](#)).
- **October 30, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until November 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 16, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until November 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 5, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia released guidelines for celebrating Thanksgiving ([link](#)).
- **October 2, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until October 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 18, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that effective October 1, 2020, the number of people who can participate in organized performing arts and sports without social distancing will increase from 10 to 50 ([link](#)).
- **September 10, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until October 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **September 4, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until September 20, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 21, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until September 6, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 8, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until August 23, 2020 ([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](#)) .
- **June 14, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until June 28, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that the last day of the school-year will be June 5, 2020 and that licenced daycares will remain closed until then ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency until May 17, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended school closures until at least May 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the deadline for certain Registry of Motor Vehicle services such as drivers licences, motor vehicle inspections, vehicle registrations, temporary permits, driving tests, and accessible parking permits ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that effective 11:59 p.m. on April 26, 2020, spring weight restrictions on provincial roads will be removed in listed regions. Further weight restrictions will be removed in other regions on a rolling basis ([link](#)).
- **April 19, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Health Authority are working to help Northwood implement an emergency plan to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak at its Halifax Campus ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia extended the state of emergency to May 3, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 13, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced front-line workers in long-term care homes, residential care facilities and home-care agencies will be expected to wear masks ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced three new emergency orders. First, private camp grounds remain closed until at least May 1, 2020. Only veterinarians working with the SPCA may carry out spay and neuter surgeries. Lastly, workers in the fishing and offshore industries must self-isolate when they enter the province ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** An order to extend the state of emergency for two more weeks will take effect at noon on April 5, 2020 and extend to noon, April 19, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** All public schools and licensed child care providers will remain closed until at least May 1, 2020. Students will have access to e-learning or at-home learning materials for students without internet access. Students will proceed to the next grade or graduate in the usual timeframe ([link](#)).

- **March 27, 2020:** Individuals that have been in close contact with confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 have been directed to self-isolate for 14 days. The government is encouraging retail and commercial landlords to defer lease payments for the next three months for businesses that had to close due to a public health order. Landlords may not change locks or seize property of businesses who cannot pay rent, if the business closed due to a public health order. Starting March 30, 2020, restaurants may include alcohol with takeout and delivery orders if the cost of the alcohol is not more than three times the value of the food.
- **March 24, 2020:** Premier Stephen McNeil provided clarification on essential services, which are exempt from the five-person-or-fewer gathering rules. These sectors are health, food, agri-food and fisheries, transportation, construction and manufacturing, IT, telecommunications and critical infrastructure, and public services such as fire, police and ambulances.
- **March 22, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia declared a provincial state of emergency. Effective March 23, 2020, anyone travelling into the province from another Canadian province must self-isolate. An exception would be made for those bringing critical supplies or service to Nova Scotia. Effective immediately, social gatherings of more than five people are prohibited. Workplaces and businesses may remain open, but all individuals must remain two meters from one another. Mark Furey, Justice Minister said police may enforce orders related to self-isolation and social distancing under the *Health Protection Act*. Breaches may lead to individual fines up to \$1,000 and corporate fines up to \$7,500.
- **March 19, 2020:** The Province of Nova Scotia, under the authority of the *Health Protection Act*, has required anyone who has travelled outside Canada to self-isolate for 14 days upon return.
- **March 17, 2020:** The Province of Nova Scotia banned gatherings of more than 50 people and ordered the following measures effective as of March 19, 2020: restaurants are restricted to take-out and delivery only and no in-person dining, drinking establishments, winery and distillery tasting rooms and craft taprooms must close, private liquor stores can continue to operate and craft breweries, wineries and distilleries can continue to sell their product from their storefronts.
  - Closure of all Halifax Municipally owned recreation facilities, community centres and arenas.
- **March 16, 2020:** Closure of long term care facilities, all public schools (closed for two weeks after March Break), licensed childcare providers and casinos.
- Further information is available on the Government of Nova Scotia's [website](#).
- Further information on the Nova Scotia government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" explainer, [here](#).

## **Prince Edward Island**

- **February 28, 2021:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that effective midnight on February 29, 2021, the entire province will move to red level measures, with some modifications, ending at midnight on March 4, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 28, 2021:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that schools will be closed as of March 1, 2021 for a 72-hour period ([link](#)).
- **February 27, 2021:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that effective 8am on February 28 until March 14, 2021, new “circuit breaker” measures will be in effect to control the outbreak of COVID-19 in the province ([link](#)).
- **December 18, 2020:** The Chief Public Health Officer announced new, eased restrictions effective December 18, 2020 at 8:00 am until January 11, 2021. A full list of the new restrictions can be found [here](#).
- **December 7, 2020:** Health PEI announced that starting at 8am, visiting will not be allowed at Health PEI hospitals, long term care, or any other facility ([link](#)).
- **December 6, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that effective 8am on December 7 and until December 21, 2020, a new “circuit breaker” will be in effect to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the province ([link](#)).
- **December 6, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced the from December 7 to December 18, 2020, high schools in the Capital region will move to remote learning ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that effective November 30, 2020 and for at least two weeks, non-medical masks will be required for staff and students in grades 10-12 at all times indoors with limited exceptions. Additionally, all visitors to schools are required to wear masks at all times while indoors ([link](#)).
- **November 23, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that the province’s participation in the Atlantic Bubble will be suspended for two weeks, effective November 24, 2020 at 12:01am ([link](#)).
- **November 18, 2020:** Effective as of November 20, 2020, non-medical masks or face coverings will be mandatory in all indoor public spaces in Prince Edward Island ([link](#)).
- **October 11, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island is urging travelers to follow COVID-19 travel advisories. Non-essential travel to the regions of Moncton and Campbellton, New Brunswick, is strongly discouraged ([link](#)).
- **September 29, 2020:** The Chief Public Health Officer confirmed the launch of a three-phased colour coded COVID-19 Alert level system to support planning and help guide decision-making during the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced their plans to reopen businesses starting May 1, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **April 16, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island declared a state of emergency and renewed the state of public health emergency for an additional thirty days ([link](#)).
- **April 14, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island enhanced employment and economic opportunities for Island high-school and post-secondary students through the creation of 1,000 new job placements ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The opening of the recreational fishing season has been delayed until at least June 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 9, 2020:** The Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy, Steven Myers, announced a partnership with the PEI Trucking Sector Council, Emergency Measures Organization and Rodd Royalty Inn & Suites. The partnership will make rooms available for truck drivers so they can practice self-isolation between trips ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2020:** The Province of Prince Edward Island expanded partnerships and efforts to support safe and healthy families during COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced eviction orders will not be enforced during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **March 31, 2020:** Schools will remain closed until at least May 11, 2020. Teachers will provide both online and printed learning materials. All provincial skill assessments are cancelled. School counsellors and psychologists will be made available for students that need support. The province has also suspended repayment of student loans for six months ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** There is a moratorium on evictions until the end of June ([link](#)).
- **March 27, 2020:** Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Heather Morrison, announced all schools and daycares remain closed until at least May 11, 2020. Non-essential government services and non-essential businesses remain closed indefinitely as the situation continues to be re-evaluated on a regular basis. Travel across Confederation Bridge should be limited to necessary travel only ([link](#)).
- **March 25, 2020:** Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Heather Morrison recommended that Islanders remain on their own property while self-isolating.
- **March 24, 2020:** Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Heather Morrison, announced the closure of public playgrounds.
- **March 23, 2020:** PEI's Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Bloyce Thompson, announced that mandatory self-isolation would be enforced. Individuals that do not comply with public health orders may be fined \$1000 for a first offence, \$2000 for a second offence, and \$10,000 for a third offence and every offence thereafter.
- **March 18, 2020:** Prince Edward Island's Chief Public Health Officer ordered the closure of all "non-essential" businesses until further notice. Noted exceptions include grocery stores and pharmacies. Any spaces intended for public gatherings are being asked to close immediately.

- Non-essential business closures include: restaurants and bars (not providing take out or delivery service), theatres, gyms and recreation centres, salons and spas, tattoo and piercing studios, personal service facilities, museums, casinos, shopping malls (except that part of the shopping mall operating an essential service), bowling alleys, sporting and concert venue and retail stores.
- PEI Liquor Control Commission government-operated retail stores and PEI Cannabis retail stores closed as of 2:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020 (agency stores licensed to sell liquor and breweries will continue to operate and online and mail delivery will continue).
- **March 17, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island ordered the closure of all “non-essential” provincial government services to the public including: various provincial offices (courts, family law, legal aid, victim services, community and correctional services are operational but public access is limited), libraries, museums, all public schools (all public schools closed with March break extended by an additional two weeks), education offices, PEI early years centres and licensed childcare centres, all Health PEI facilities closed to visitors (including hospitals and long-term care facilities), Worker’s Compensation Board, Agricultural and Land offices.
  - Dental clinics ordered closed effective March 17, 2020 for 14 days (emergencies handled on a case-by-case basis). The National Optometry Association provided guidance to its members to only take emergency appointments until further notice.
  - Funerals and wakes at funeral homes ordered open for family only with no more than 20 people present.
- **March 16, 2020:** The Government of Prince Edward Island declared a public health emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Further information is available on the Prince Edward Island’s [website](#).
- Further information on the Prince Edward Island government’s emergency powers, can be found on our “Can they do that?” explainer, [here](#).

## Yukon

- **March 3, 2021:** The Government of Yukon extended the state of emergency under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* ([link](#)).
- **January 28, 2021:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs announced that the state of emergency in the city of Yellowknife is being extended until February 11, 2021([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that the state of emergency is being extended for an additional 90 days ([link](#)).
- **December 4, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer announced that starting December 7, 2020, all restaurants and bars will be required to maintain a daily list of patrons ([link](#)).

- **December 1, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that effective December 1, 2020, the use of masks is mandatory in all public spaces for everyone five years and older ([link](#)).
- **November 10, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that students in grades 10-12 in Whitehorse will remain on their current schedule for the second semester to ensure high schools will continue to meet health and safety guidelines ([link](#)).
- **November 10, 2020:** The Government of Yukon updated the school guidelines to reduce the requirement for two-metre distancing between students in the classroom and to make masks mandatory in common areas outside of the classroom ([link](#)).
- **September 24, 2020:** The Government of Yukon released stop light symptom criteria for keeping children home from school or daycare ([link](#)).
- **July 2, 2020:** The Government of Yukon worked with Public Safety Canada to develop a community safety plan for the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter ([link](#)).
- **July 2, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that non-medical masks are now required at all Yukon airports ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that residential tenants who are under a health protection measure after June 25, 2020 or who need to breach their tenancy agreement because they are under a COVID-19 health protection order will continue to be protected from eviction ([link](#)).
- **June 12, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that it will be extending the state of emergency under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* for an additional 90 days ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced new measures for pharmacists to increase options for extending prescriptions and create a limited ability to initiate prescriptions ([link](#)).
- **May 13, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced societies, business corporations and cooperatives can now hold their official meetings online with electronic and teleconferencing technology ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced that businesses can reopen 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](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Yukon announced temporary changes to drivers licence requirements ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of Yukon extended the deadline for property tax payments from July 2, 2020 to September 2, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Yukon has been directed to reduce the number of children in licensed child care spaces. Yukoners whose occupations are not considered critical or essential are not permitted to use licensed child care spaces at this time ([link](#)).

- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Yukon introduced the Border Control Measures Order to ensure that enforcement officers stationed at Yukon's borders have the legal authority and tools needed to deny entry to non-essential travellers while still permitting essential and critical services and people to return home ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** The Government of Yukon's Minister of Education, suspended face-to-face classes for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** Territorial parks and campgrounds will not open until June ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** Women vulnerable to violence will be given phones for the next four months so that they have a safe way to access support during the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Government of Yukon introduced Civil Emergency Measures Health Protection (COVID-19) Orders to ensure that orders given under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* are enforceable. Fines and jail time may now be issued to individuals that do not comply with orders. Non-residents who must transit through Yukon may do so but may only remain in Yukon for no more than 24 hours ([link](#)). A list of the orders can be found [here](#).
- **March 25, 2020:** The Government of Yukon established a COVID-19 Business Advisory Council to ensure the needs of Yukon's business community are heard.
- **March 22, 2020:** Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health advised against all non-essential travel into and out of the Yukon. Residents were advised to return home now. Anyone coming into the territory must self-isolate for 14 days. Restaurants must reduce seating capacity to 50 per cent and space people two meters apart, and only offer take-out and delivery as of March 26, 2020. Bars must close. Gatherings of more than 10 people are banned ([link](#)).
- **March 18, 2020:** Public health emergency declared in Yukon.
- Further information is available on the Government of Yukon's [website](#).
- Further information on the Yukon government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" explainer, [here](#).

### Northwest Territories

- **April 13, 2021:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency until April 27, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **April 8, 2021:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the state of emergency in the City of Yellowknife. The state of emergency will continue until April 22, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 25, 2021:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the state of emergency for the City of Yellowknife. The state of emergency will continue until April 8, 2021 ([link](#)).

- **March 16, 2021:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through March 30, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 11, 2021:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the state of emergency for the City of Yellowknife. The state of emergency will continue until March 25, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **March 2, 2021:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through March 16, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 25, 2021:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife until March 11, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 16, 2021:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through March 2, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 11, 2021:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife through February 25, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **February 2, 2021:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through February 16, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 19, 2021:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through February 2, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 14, 2021:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife through January 28, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 5, 2021:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through January 19, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 31, 2020:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife through January 14, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through January 5, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 17, 2020:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife through January 1, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 8, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through December 22, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **December 3, 2020:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife through December 18, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 19, 2020:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs extended the State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife through December 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 10, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through November 24, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **October 28, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency through November 10, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 8, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories announced that all travelers and employees will be required to wear masks while inside of the Northwest Territories airport terminal buildings starting October 13, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 8, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories released safety guidelines for Halloween ([link](#)).
- **August 18, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services has extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency under the *Northwest Territories Health Act* through September 1, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 23, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency under the *Northwest Territories' Public Health Act* ([link](#)).
- **July 7, 2020:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency under the *Northwest Territories' Public Health Act* ([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories adjusted its isolation centre payment policy which will now require certain non-residents to pay isolation centre costs([link](#)).
- **June 30, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories implemented restrictions at Fred Henne Territorial Park ([link](#)).
- **June 24, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency until July 8, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **June 15, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories relaxed certain restrictions at the Northwest Territories - Alberta border at Fort Smith ([link](#)).
- **June 5, 2020:** The Government of the Northwest Territories announced that a checkpoint will resume at the Northwest Territories Alberta border at Fort Smith ([link](#)).
- **May 14, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories announced that schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories extended the state of emergency to May 26, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories announced new regulations which allow all Class A and Class B licenced establishments in the Northwest Territories to sell beer, wine and spirits for take-out and delivery without the need for an off-premises extension to their licence ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories announced the opening of the Yellowknife Women's Centre individual housing suites and the return of regular programming at the Yellowknife Day and Sobering Centre to support individuals facing homelessness and addictions during the COVID-19 outbreak ([link](#)).

- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories extended the public health emergency and the state of emergency to May 12, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 27, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) introduced new restrictions on essential service workers and those supporting them, infrastructure workers employed by the GNWT, Municipal Governments, Indigenous Governments and Organizations, and corrections officers returning to the territory ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories announced new measures to support child care for essential workers ([link](#)).
- **April 23, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories changed the requirements of the Transitional Rent Supplement Program to make the program responsive to the pandemic and more accessible to residents ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** Both the public health emergency and the state of emergency were extended to April 28, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 15, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories enacted the Residential Tenancies (COVID-19) Regulations, a new temporary regulation that offers tenants a mechanism to defer their rent if they have lost their job or have had a significant decline in their income ([link](#)).
- **April 10, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories ordered all indoor gatherings to be cancelled. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 people and social distancing measures must be obeyed. A new order requires the shuttering of certain business. Dr. Kandola also ordered strict screening, tracking, and protection measures at mining and oil and gas sites ([link](#)).
- **April 10, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories delayed the opening of parks until an unspecified later date ([link](#)).
- **April 6, 2020:** The state of emergency under the *Emergency Management Act* has been extended ([link](#)).
- **April 3, 2020:** Due to a delay in renewing health care cards, those with recently expired cards will continue to receive physician and hospital services ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Government of Northwest Territories' (GNWT) Driver and Vehicle Services extended expiration dates on driver's licences, general identification cards and motor vehicle certificate of registrations. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Public Health Emergency has been extended for another 14 days ([link](#)).
- **March 25, 2020:** Schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year.
- **March 23, 2020:** The Government of the NWT closed Highway 7, the Liard Highway, to all traffic as of 5:00pm on Tuesday March 24, 2020 to support the travel prohibition announced on March 22, 2020.

- **March 22, 2020:** Dr. Kami Kandola, NWT Chief Public Health Officer, announced that all travel into the Northwest Territories (by air and road) is prohibited with limited exceptions. Residents returning from outside the NWT from any Canadian or international destination must self-isolate in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River or Fort Smith only.
- **March 20, 2020:** Northwest Territories Finance Minister, Caroline Wawzonek and Industry Minister, Katrina Nokleby, announced the territory's economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic. They also announced other measures including the suspension of fees at the Deh Cho Bridge toll, truck permits and airport landing fees until the end of June, as well as advanced payments on resource revenue sharing for 2020 for indigenous governments.
- **March 19, 2020:** Northwest Territories declared a public health emergency to make it easier to enact precautions as needed.
- Further information is available on the Government of Northwest Territories' [website](#).
- Further information on the Northwest Territories government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" explainer, [here](#).

## **Nunavut**

- [April 16, 2021: The Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until April 29, 2021 \(link\).](#)
- **March 18, 2021:** The Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until April 1, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **January 7, 2021:** The Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until January 21, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 24, 2020:** The Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until January 7, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 10, 2020:** The Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until December 24, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2020:** The Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until December 10, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **November 16, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut announced that starting November 18, 2020, Nunavut will enter a mandatory, territory-wide restriction period for two-weeks. All non-essential services, business and organization will be required to close and wherever possible, switch to work from home ([link](#)).
- **November 12, 2020:** The Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until November 26, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **October 15, 2020:** The Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until October 29, 2020 ([link](#)).

- **October 2, 2020:** The Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until October 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 21, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut's Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until September 3, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **August 6, 2020:** The territory's Public Health Emergency has been extended until August 20, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 23, 2020:** The territory's Public Health Emergency has been extended until August 6, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **July 10, 2020:** The territory's Public Health Emergency has been extended until July 23, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut announced a new Order Respecting Social Distancing and Mass Gatherings to ensure the language is clear and understandable while remaining true to the order ([link](#)).
- **April 17, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut announced that schools will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year ([link](#)).
- **April 7, 2020:** Teachers may return to school to develop learning packages for students ([link](#)).
- **April 2, 2020:** The Public Health Emergency has been extended to April 16, 2020. Dental services are limited to emergency services.
- **April 1, 2020:** The Department of Health Services has prohibited all visitors to long term care facilities ([link](#)).
- **March 30, 2020:** All persons under investigation for COVID-19 are subject to mandatory isolation. If in breach of mandatory isolation, individuals may be fined up to \$50,000 or up to six months in jail ([link](#)).
- **March 27, 2020:** All Territorial Parks are closed.
- **March 26, 2020:** Travelers returning to Nunavut must isolate at designated facilities outside of Nunavut for a period of 14 days, except for critical employees who are asymptomatic. To return to Nunavut, individuals are required to get the approval of the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer.
- **March 25, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut reduced many public services and closed various public offices. More information can be found [here](#).
- **March 23, 2020:** Premier Joe Savikataaq announced that travel into Nunavut will be restricted to residents and critical workers as of 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2020. Everyone, except critical workers with permission from the Chief Public Health Officer, must be in mandatory 14-day isolation before they can board a plane to Nunavut. All public gatherings are prohibited, and playgrounds and municipal parks are closed ([link](#)).

- **March 20, 2020:** Bars have been closed. All restaurants can remain open only for take-out/delivery, with a maximum of 10 people in line ups. Anyone who has travelled into Nunavut, including from elsewhere in Canada, must self-isolate for 14 days.
- **March 19, 2020:** Nunavut declares public health emergency ahead of any COVID-19 cases.
- **March 19, 2020:** The Government of Nunavut approved \$25,000 to each Hunter and Trapper Organization for community harvesting, and to provide food to their communities. It also approved \$531,000 to cover potential lost fees for Nunavut's child care workers in licensed facilities.
  - All restaurants open only for take-out/delivery and only up to 10 people allowed for line-ups. Pharmacies, gas stations and grocery stores will remain open.
- Further information is available on the Government of Nunavut's [website](#).
- Further information on the Nunavut government's emergency powers, can be found on our "Can they do that?" explainer, [here](#).

We recognize that change resulting from COVID-19 is happening in real-time. Our team will continue to monitor these developments and provide updates as necessary. If you require any assistance, please reach out to any member of our team.

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