

New Mandatory Provincewide Measures to Protect Lives

Social gatherings – immediate

- All indoor and outdoor social gatherings – public and private – are **prohibited**.
- Close contacts are limited to household members only.
 - Individuals who live alone will be allowed up to two close contacts for in-person visiting, with those two people remaining the same for the duration of the restriction period.
- Festivals, parades, events, concerts, exhibitions, competitions, sport and performance remain prohibited.

Masking – immediate

- The mandatory indoor public masking requirement will be extended provincewide.
 - Public spaces include locations where a business or entity operates and is applicable to employees, visitors and the general public.
 - Applies to all indoor workplaces and facilities outside the home.
 - Farm operations are excluded.
 - Rental accommodations used solely for the purposes of a private residence are excluded.

Places of worship – starting at 12:01 a.m., Dec. 13

- All places of worship will be limited to **15 per cent of fire code** occupancy for in-person attendance.
 - Virtual or online services are strongly encouraged.
 - Drive-in services where individuals do not leave their vehicles and adhere to guidance will be permissible and are not subject to capacity restrictions.
 - Mandatory mask mandate, physical distancing and other guidelines remain in place.

Retail – starting at 12:01 a.m., Dec. 13

- Retail services must reduce customer capacity to **15 per cent of fire code** occupancy, with a minimum of five customers permitted.
 - Curbside pickup, delivery and online services are encouraged.
- Shopping malls will be limited to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy.

Closures – starting at 12:01 a.m., Dec. 13

- Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges and cafes will be closed to in-person service.
 - Only takeout, curbside pickup and delivery services are permitted.
- Casinos, bingo halls, gaming entertainment centres, racing entertainment centres, horse tracks, raceways, bowling alleys, pool halls, legions, and private clubs will be closed.
- Recreational facilities – fitness centres, recreation centres, pools, spas, gyms, studios, day and overnight camps, indoor rinks and arenas – will be closed.
- Outdoor recreation is permitted, but facilities with indoor spaces except for washrooms will be closed.
- Entertainment businesses and entities – libraries, science centres, interpretive centres, museums, galleries, amusement parks and water parks – will be closed.
- Hotels may remain open but must follow restrictions – no spas, pools or in-person dining. Room services only.
- Personal and wellness services, including hair salons, nail salons, massage, tattoos, and piercing, will be closed.

Work from home – starting at 12:01 a.m., Dec. 13

- Mandatory work from home measures will be implemented unless the employer determines that work requires a physical presence for operational effectiveness.

Closures – ongoing from Nov. 27

- Entertainment businesses and entities – community halls and centres, indoor children's play centres and indoor playgrounds, theatres, auditoriums, concert halls, and community theatres, nightclubs, banquet halls and conference centres, indoor and outdoor festivals, concerts with the exception of drive-in events, tradeshow, and sporting events or competitions, remain closed.

For current Chief Medical Officer of Health's Orders that are in effect please visit: [New mandatory provincewide measures](#) at

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