

COVID-19: Recovery and Re-opening Tracker

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

This roundup was last updated on **February 16~~23~~, 2022**. To see what has changed since our last update, please download our blackline,

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Federal

- **February 18, 2022:** [The Government of Canada announced an investment of more than \\$10.9 million in community infrastructure projects to help Northern Ontario rebound from the effects of COVID-19 \(link\)](#).
- **February 15, 2022:** The Government of Canada announced that as of February 28, 2022, current border measures will be lightened, including easing on-arrival testing for fully-vaccinated travellers and adjusting the Travel Health Notice from a Level 3 to a Level 2 ([link](#)).
- **January 28, 2022:** The Government of Canada provided an update on border measures. The modified pre-departure test requirements for travellers coming to Canada on direct or indirect flights from India or Morocco have been lifted. Travellers from these countries will no longer be required to obtain a valid negative pre-departure COVID-19 test from a third country. The temporary exemption from pre-entry, arrival, and Day-8 testing and quarantine requirements for residents and essential workers of British Columbia who have to travel by land to or through the United States for essential food and supplies has also ended ([link](#)).
- **December 30, 2021:** The Government of Canada launched applications for the expanded Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit (CWLB) to better support Canadian workers in designated regions affected by lockdowns or capacity restrictions ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2021:** The Government of Canada gave Royal Assent to Bill C-2 which includes a new “Local Lockdown Program” to provide businesses that face temporary new local lockdowns with up to the maximum amount available through the wage and rent subsidy programs ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2021:** The Minister of National revenue announced further details on the *Targeted COVID-19 Support Measures*, including its current application periods. These

Manitoba

- **February 22, 2022:** The Government of Manitoba announced the creation of a new Economic Development Board to prioritize economic recovery and growth to address economic setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **February 17, 2022:** The Government of Manitoba announced it will be investing \$2 million in post-pandemic mental health and addictions recovery, in partnership with United Way ([link](#)).
- **February 15, 2022:** The Government of Manitoba announced that, effective today, close contacts of a person who tests positive for COVID-19 no longer need to self-isolate. In addition, public health is removing self-isolation requirements for people entering the province ([link](#)).
- **February 14, 2022:** The Government of Manitoba announced orders under *The Public Health Act* regarding self-isolation and contact tracing ([link](#) and [link](#)).
- **February 11, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced it is accelerating its plan to reduce public health restrictions ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba introduced a “Sector Support Program” to provide up to \$22 million in further support for businesses affected by new public health orders ([link](#)).
- **December 17, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced it would make COVID-19 rapid test kits available to First Nations schools as a first step in providing kits for students across the province ([link](#)).
- **November 1, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced that the Manitoba immunization app has been updated to include the Pan-Canadian proof of vaccination credential ([link](#)).
- **October 25, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced that fully vaccinated Manitobans are now eligible for the pan-Canadian proof of vaccination credential for use when travelling ([link](#)).
- **October 18, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced that new measures will allow Manitoba travellers to access COVID-19 rapid tests at pharmacies ([link](#)).
- **October 6, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced that the Healthy Hire Manitoba Program – a wage support to help private-sector employers reopen and to encourage employees to get vaccinated and return to work – will be extended to November 15, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **September 29, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced new regulations to support remote witnessing for commissioning options ([link](#)).

- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba will lift the one-month limit on filling prescriptions on May 11, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced a \$500 million infrastructure investment to restart the economy following the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **May 7, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba revised the *Restoring Safe Services: Manitoba's Pandemic and Economic Roadmap for Recovery* ([link](#)).
- **May 6, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced that fishing season will open on May 9, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Manitoba legislature will resume on May 6, 2020, as part of the gradual re-opening of the province ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced campground reservations will open offering staggered dates, starting May 4, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of Manitoba announced a phased approach to opening the economy which will begin on May 4, 2020 ([link](#)).

Ontario

- **February 17, 2022:** The Government of Ontario announced record funding of over \$26.6 billion for the 2022-2023 school year, due to two year global learning disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **February 16, 2022:** The Government of Ontario announced critical relief for the tourism sector, which will support amusement devices and ski lift operators, as well as protect local jobs ([link](#)).
- **February 14, 2022:** The Government of Ontario announced that the province would move into the next phase of reopening on February 17, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. Effective March 1, 2022, the province plans to lift proof of vaccination requirements for all settings ([link](#)).
- **February 10, 2022:** The Government of Ontario announced that non-urgent and non-emergent surgeries and procedures may resume in the province. In addition, Ontario students can once again benefit from extra-curricular activities, including high-contact sports in schools ([link](#)).
- **February 9, 2022:** The Government of Ontario announced it would expand access to free rapid testing kits to the general public for at-home use to support the province's easing of public health measures ([link](#)).
- **February 4, 2022:** The Government of Ontario announced it would gradually begin lifting temporary public health measures at long-term care homes starting February 7, 2022 ([link](#)).

- **May 4, 2020:** The Small Claims Court announced that it will resume certain hearings by telephone or videoconference. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Ontario announced that certain businesses and workplaces may re-open on May 4, 2020, as long as they comply with strict public health measures and operate safely during the COVID-19 outbreak. Further information on the businesses permitted to re-open can be found [here](#).
- **April 30, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released workplace safety guidelines to protect workers, customers, and the general public from COVID-19 as the province and businesses prepare for the gradual re-opening of the economy ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Ontario launched the *COVID-19: Tackling the Barriers* website to assist businesses in overcoming challenges created by COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **April 27, 2020:** The Government of Ontario released *A Framework for Reopening our Province*. It outlines the principles the government will use to re-open businesses, services and public spaces in gradual stages ([link](#)).

Québec

- **February 19, 2022:** The Minister of Health and Social Services amended the existing order of measures to protect the health of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **February 15, 2022:** The Minister of Health and Social Services amended the existing order of measures to protect the health of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **February 11, 2022:** The Minister of Health and Social Services amended the existing order of measures to protect the health of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic. This amendment lifts existing restrictions and takes effect on February 12, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **February 8, 2022:** The Premier of Québec and the Minister of Health and Social Services announced that by March 14, 2022, most of the provincial public health measures will be lifted. The measures will be lifted gradually beginning February 12, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **February 7, 2022:** The Government of Québec announced that the suspension of electoral procedures in certain northern municipalities will be lifted as of February 15, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **February 1, 2022:** The Ministry of Health and Social Services reiterated its recommendation regarding portable air purifiers in schools ([link](#)).
- **January 28, 2022:** The Ministry of Health and Social Services announced new recommendations from Public Health to support the actions taken by the Government of Québec in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).

- **April 28, 2020:** Retail operations outside of the Montreal region with exterior operating doors will be allowed to open May 4, 2020, and those inside the Montreal region may re-open May 11, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** Manufacturing companies in all regions of Québec may resume activities on May 11, 2020, with a maximum of 50 workers + 50% of surplus employees per shift at any time on the same site. On May 25, 2020, manufacturing companies from all regions of Québec may resume activities ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** The Government of Québec announced that on May 11, 2020 the construction industry can re-open ([link](#)).
- **April 28, 2020:** With the gradual re-opening of businesses, the CNESST has published a guide of sanitary norms to protect workers from COVID-19 ([link](#)).

Newfoundland and Labrador

- **February 21, 2022:** The Government of Newfoundland announced an update to the Special Measures Order on the activities and gatherings restrictions ([link](#)).
- **February 10, 2022:** The Government of Newfoundland announced an update to the Special Measures Orders on activities and gatherings restrictions ([link](#)).
- **February 8, 2022:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced it would begin easing COVID-19 restrictions ([link](#)).
- **January 20, 2022:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced that K-12 students, teachers and staff will return to in-person classes on Tuesday, January 25 ([link](#)).
- **January 20, 2022:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced changes on how asymptomatic contacts of cases are managed and on travel restrictions ([link](#)).
- **January 18, 2022:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced that the decision on whether to resume in-person classes on January 24 has been deferred to Thursday, January 20 ([link](#)).
- **January 7, 2022:** Public Health introduced a shorter isolation period for people who have COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **November 17, 2021:** The Government of Newfoundland announced that mandatory vaccine regulations will come into effect next month ([link](#)).
- **November 12, 2021:** The Government of Newfoundland announced the NLVaxVerify is now able to accept Canadian COVID-19 proof of vaccination QR codes from all provinces and territories in Canada ([link](#)).

include gatherings of up to 10 people in public spaces, the resumption of some healthcare services and the re-opening of some businesses ([link](#)).

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

New Brunswick

- **February 18, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that the province will move to Level 1, the least restrictive level of its winter plan to manage COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **February 18, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick announced new COVID-19 relief funding for sports organizations. A one-time financial relief of up to \$10,000 will be available for eligible organizations ([link](#)).
- **February 9, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that it will move to Level 1 of its winter plan to manage COVID-19 on February 18 at 11:59 p.m. ([link](#)).
- **January 28, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that it will move to Level 2 of its winter plan to manage COVID-19 on January 28 at 11:59 p.m. ([link](#)).
- **January 21, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that the province is on track to return to Level 2 of its winter plan on January 30 ([link](#)).
- **December 28, 2021:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that the province is now in the Level 2 phase of its winter plan ([link](#)).

- **May 19, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that teachers will begin to return to schools as early as June 1. Schools will remain closed for students ([link](#)).
- **May 18, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick reminded tenants that the section of the province's state of emergency legislation which prevented evictions for non-payment of rent will end on May 31 ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General announced that the Court of Queen's Bench in the judicial district of Fredericton will move all of its matters to the Fredericton Convention Centre. The decision is meant to accommodate spacing requirements to hold jury selections and jury trials ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that provincial libraries are preparing to open ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick released guidelines for farmers markets that are permitted to re-open ([link](#)).
- **May 12, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that provincial parks and other major tourism attractions will re-open in the coming weeks ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that they transitioned to Phase 2 of their recovery plan ([link](#)).
- **May 4, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick launched JobMatchNB, a virtual job matching platform to connect New Brunswickers with available positions ([link](#)).
- **April 29, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that it is transitioning to the orange phase of the recovery plan, aimed at re-opening social and economic settings while preventing a resurgence of transmission ([link](#)).
- **April 24, 2020:** The Government of New Brunswick announced the first phase of New Brunswick's recovery plan and the loosening of some public health restrictions ([link](#)).

Nova Scotia

- **[February 18, 2022: The Government of Nova Scotia announced that, effective February 20, 2022, the state of emergency will be renewed until March 6, 2022 \(link\).](#)**
- **February 16, 2022:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that eligible post-secondary students will receive a one-time COVID-19 grant of \$875 to assist in paying bills ([link](#)).
- **February 9, 2022:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced a three-phase plan to ease public health restrictions. Phase 1 will start on Monday, February 14, 2021 and will see events be allowed again, gathering limits increase, and border restrictions for domestic travellers lifted ([link](#)).
- **January 10, 2022:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that businesses impacted by the latest public health restrictions may now apply for support through the

50 will also be permitted, but people must observe physical distancing of at least 2 meters ([link](#)).

- **June 12, 2020:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health released COVID-19 guidelines that all summer day camps must follow ([link](#)).
- **June 10, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced the easing of some visitor restrictions in long-term care homes and homes for persons with disabilities ([link](#)).
- **June 2, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that licensed child care centres and family daycare homes can re-open starting June 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia increased the gathering limit to 10 people ([link](#)).
- **May 29, 2020:** The Shubenacadie Wildlife Park will re-open on June 1, 2020, and provincial campgrounds can re-open on June 15, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 27, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced that most businesses required to close under the public health order can re-open starting June 5, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 15, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced the easing of certain public health measures. Families may now create a family bubble between two immediate family households. Additionally, a variety of outdoor activities are now permitted ([link](#)).
- **May 8, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia plans to re-open daycares on June 8, 2020 ([link](#)).
- **May 1, 2020:** The Government of Nova Scotia announced the easing of some public health restrictions around outdoor and recreational activities ([link](#)).

Prince Edward Island

- **February 17, 2022:** [The Government of Prince Edward Island announced that Step One of the Moving On Plan is now in effect. Fully vaccinated travelers into PEI are no longer required to self-isolate. Personal and organized gathering numbers have also increased \(\[link\]\(#\)\).](#)
- **February 8, 2022:** The Chief Public Health Officer announced a three-step plan to ease Prince Edward Island's existing public health measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Step one will commence on February 17, 2022 with estimates to move into step two on March 17, 2022 and step three on April 7, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **January 27, 2022:** The Government of Prince Edward Island announced the reopening of schools for in-class learning on Monday, January 31, with heightened health and safety measures in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission for students, staff and families ([link](#)).

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

Yukon

- **February 18, 2022:** The Government of Yukon announced the release of a new COVID-19 dashboard that will provide Yukoners with important data related to the pandemic ([link](#)).
- **February 17, 2022:** The Government of Yukon announced changes to public health measures effective February 18, 2022, as the territory continues to ease restrictions ([link](#)).
- **February 15, 2022:** The Government of Yukon announced the expansion of at-home rapid COVID-19 test kit distribution in Whitehorse ([link](#)).
- **February 10, 2022:** The Government of Yukon announced the easing of public health measures effective February 11, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **February 10, 2022:** Economic Development Minister Ranj Pillai announced new financial and employment supports for Yukon businesses ([link](#)).
- **February 4, 2022:** The Government of Yukon announced it would ease public health measures limiting capacity limits for indoor recreational team sports for youth under the age of 18 ([link](#)).
- **February 1, 2022:** The Government of Yukon issued a statement on the vaccine requirement for Government of Yukon employees ([link](#)).
- **January 25, 2022:** The Government of Yukon announced it is expanding the availability of take-home, self-administered rapid COVID-19 tests to schools, licensed early learning and child care programs, and communities throughout the Yukon ([link](#)).
- **December 3, 2021:** The Government of Yukon announced that some public health measures were loosened as COVID-19 transmission decreased ([link](#)).
- **November 30, 2021:** The Government of Yukon has changed the vaccine verification requirements for youth under the age of 18 ([link](#)).
- **November 30, 2021:** The Government of Yukon has announced that vaccination requirements for public workers are in effect as of November 30, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **November 23, 2021:** The Government of Yukon announced the Yukon Vaccination Verifier App is available ([link](#)).
- **November 10, 2021:** The Government of Yukon announced that starting November 13, 2021, people aged 12 and up will be required to provide proof of vaccination to access designated establishments and services ([link](#)).
- **November 3, 2021:** The Government of Yukon announced that all public servants, including teachers, as well as those who work in hospitals, long-term care homes, medical clinics and allied health care settings, along with employees of non-government organizations funded by the Yukon government to provide services to vulnerable