

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

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Federal

- **February 14, 2022:** The Government of Canada declared a public order emergency under the *Emergencies Act* to end the disruptions, blockades, and the occupation of the city of Ottawa. The *Emergency Economic Measures Order* ([SOR/2022-22](#)) came into force immediately and will be in effect for 30 days ([link](#)).
- **February 3, 2022** The Government of Canada is providing \$4 million in funding for the Government of Yukon to create and operate safe voluntary isolation sites in the Territory ([link](#)).
- **January 10, 2022:** The Government of Canada announced Nova Scotia's Request for Federal Assistance to help support their COVID-19 immunization program. It also announced that it will provide up to 24 Canadian Red Cross personnel to the province ([link](#)).
- **December 30, 2021:** The Government of Canada announced funding for the Government of Manitoba to support the expansion and creation of safe voluntary isolation sites across the province ([link](#)).
- **December 17, 2021:** The Minister of Health announced further adjustments to travel and border measures in response to the risks and uncertainties presented by the spread of the Omicron variant in Canada and globally ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2021:** The Government of Canada has announced additional measures to address the COVID-19 Omicron variant of concern ([link](#)).
- **November 30, 2021:** The Government of Canada has introduced additional measures to address the COVID-19 Omicron variant of concern ([link](#)).
- **November 26, 2021:** The Government of Canada has introduced additional measures to address COVID-19 Omicron variant of concern ([link](#)).

- 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

- **February 18, 2022:** [The Provincial Health Officer extended the order on post-secondary housing COVID-19 preventative measures until June 30, 2022 \(link\).](#)
- **February 16, 2022:** [The Provincial Health Officer issued an order on workplace safety pursuant to the *Public Health Act* \(link\).](#)
- **January 17, 2022:** The Provincial Health Officer issued an order on school staff member vaccination status reporting ([link](#)).
- **January 9, 2022:** The Government of British Columbia announced updates to orders pertaining to regulated and unregulated health professionals and who may perform immunization activities, including administering injections of a COVID-19 vaccine ([link](#)).
- **January 9, 2022:** The Government of British Columbia announced updates to orders pertaining to Emergency Medical Assistants and who may perform immunization activities, including administering injections of a COVID-19 vaccine ([link](#)).
- **December 29, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia announced a delay in full return to school for students in kindergarten to Grade 12 until Monday, January 10, 2022. Staff will return on January 3 and 4 to allow schools to implement enhanced safety measures ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia announced updates to orders pertaining to the operation of food and liquor serving premises ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2021:** The Government of British Columbia announced an update to orders pertaining to gatherings and events ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2021:** The Provincial Health Officer introduced two sets of new restrictions. Restrictions coming into effect as of December 22, 2021 will last until January 18, 2022 and affect indoor personal gatherings, indoor events at venues, bars, nightclubs and lounges, restaurants, cafes and pubs, and adult gyms, fitness centres and dance studios. Restrictions coming into effect as of December 20, 2021 will last until January 31, 2022 and affect indoor personal gatherings, restaurants, cafes and pubs, and all sports tournaments ([link](#)).
- **December 17, 2021:** The Provincial Health Officer announced they would be issuing revised orders to come into effect on Monday, December 20, 2021 to address rising COVID-19 case counts and keep people safe over the holiday season ([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

- **February 16, 2022:** The Lieutenant Governor in Council announced the *Regional Health Authorities Amendment Regulation* ([link](#)).
- **January 10, 2022:** The Government of Alberta announced changes to COVID-19 testing eligibility due to rising demand for PCR tests ([link](#)).
- **December 30, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced an extended winter break to January 10, 2022 for students in kindergarten to grade 12 ([link](#)).
- **December 30, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced the province is working with physicians to increase options for virtual care to better support Albertans' health care needs during the COVID-19 pandemic ([link](#)).
- **December 23, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced that Alberta Health Services will provide all unimmunized physicians and staff the option of temporary frequent COVID-19 testing to ensure the anticipated demand on the health-care system caused by the Omicron variant can be met ([link](#)).
- **December 21, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced more boosters, tests and measures to fight Omicron. These are intended to strengthen vaccine protection and testing ([link](#)).
- **December 15, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced immediate actions and clarified health measures to protect Albertans and the health-care system against the highly transmissible Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus ([link](#)).
- **October 22, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced that starting October 25, 2021, Albertans will need to provide proof of two COVID-19 vaccine doses to access many restaurants, movies, sporting events, and other businesses province-wide ([link](#)).
- **October 5, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced that effective October 6, 2021, it will be resuming public reporting of COVID-19 cases in schools, initiating contact notification in schools, clarifying COVID-19 outbreak definitions, providing rapid testing kits and encouraging school authorities to have proof of COVID-19 vaccination policies for adults ([link](#)).
- **September 30, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced implementation of a proof of COVID-19 vaccination policy for all Alberta Public Service employees ([link](#)).
- **September 15, 2021:** The Government of Alberta declared a state of public health emergency and will implement new health measures to expand capacity, increase vaccination rates and reduce transmission of COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **September 3, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced temporary measures to reduce transmission of COVID-19 including mask mandates, and restrictions for the service industry ([link](#)).
- **August 13, 2021:** The Government of Alberta announced a delay to the proposed plan to ease COVID-19 measures. Safety measures such as: mandatory masking orders in publicly accessible transit, taxis and ride-shares; mandatory isolation for 10 days for

of vaccination and negative testing requirements, will be extended to January 31, 2022 ([link](#)).

- **November 17, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency is renewed ([link](#)).
- **October 20, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency order is renewed ([link](#)).
- **October 14, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency order is renewed ([link](#)).
- **October 7, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced the Provincial Command is being activated through the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) to lead the emergency management response to COVID-19 ([link](#)).
- **September 30, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced new mandatory isolation and face covering requirements to be in effect until October 20, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **September 22, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency order is renewed ([link](#)).
- **September 16, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that it will be implementing mandatory masking effective September 17, 2021 and proof of vaccination requirements effective October 1, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **September 13, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan declared a state of emergency throughout the province to address the COVID-19 public health emergency ([link](#)).
- **September 13, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan has issued a new Provincial Emergency Order to provide for health system labour mobility through greater flexibility in scheduling and redirecting health care workers ([link](#)).
- **September 10, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that it will be implementing mandatory self-isolation requirements, expanding access to COVID-19 testing, providing a verifiable proof of vaccination record, and planning for widespread access to booster doses ([link](#)).
- **July 7, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency order is renewed, but will end on July 11, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **June 23, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency order is renewed ([link](#)).
- **June 7, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency order is renewed, effective June 9, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **May 26, 2021:** The Government of Saskatchewan announced that the state of emergency order is renewed, effective May 26, 2021 ([link](#)).

Manitoba

- **January 28, 2022:** The Government of Manitoba announced the extension of public health orders currently in place until February 8, 2022 as Manitoba continues to assess the spread and impact of the Omicron variant ([link](#)).
- **January 11, 2022:** The Government of Manitoba announced it will be rolling out COVID-19 rapid antigen testing programs for designated critical service workers ([link](#)).
- **January 7, 2022:** The Government of Manitoba announced it will be extending all current COVID-19 prevention orders for three weeks to monitor the impact of the Omicron variant ([link](#)).
- **January 4, 2022:** The Government of Manitoba announced it will implement a phased-in approach for return to school. This approach will allow students of critical service workers in kindergarten to grade 6 and all high-risk students and students with special learning needs in kindergarten to grade 12 to attend school as of January 10, 2022, if no alternate care is available. Current plans are to have all other students return to in-person learning on January 17, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **December 31, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced changes to the self-isolation public health order to adapt to the prevalence of rapid antigen tests and to help address the surge in COVID-19 cases caused by the omicron variant ([link](#)).
- **December 27, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced additional public health restrictions due to spreading of the Omicron variant throughout the province ([link](#)).
- **December 23, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced it would provide free KN95 masks to Manitobans, made available at liquor marts and casinos ([link](#)).
- **December 22, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced it would delay the return to school following the winter break to Jan 10, 2022, to give public health officials additional time to assess the risk of the Omicron variant ([link](#)).
- **December 20, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba provided further clarifications to the public health orders announced on Friday, December 17, 2021 ([link](#)).
- **December 17, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced increased restrictions regarding capacity limits for private indoor gatherings, indoor and outdoor sporting events, large group gatherings, gyms, movie theatres, museums and libraries, restaurants and licensed premises, and faith based gatherings to address the threat of the Omicron variant ([link](#)).
- **December 10, 2021:** The Government of Manitoba announced that as of December 15, individuals entering the Manitoba Legislative Building will be required to be fully immunized and provide proof of vaccination. Certain individuals will have the option of complying with strict testing procedures ([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 25th, 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](#)).

- **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](#)).

- **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](#)).

- **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

- 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

- **February 19, 2022:** The Minister of Health and Community Services extended the public health emergency in the province for a period of 14 days effective February 21, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **February 18, 2022:** Public Health announced that the mandatory vaccination policy remains in effect for provincial public service employees ([link](#)).
- **February 3, 2022:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced it would be entering into a modified Alert Level 3 as of February 7, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **January 17, 2022:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health advised that the province will remain in the modified Alert Level 4 until at least January 24, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **January 6, 2022:** The Department of Education announced that classes will remain virtual next week (January 10-14). A further update will be provided no later than January 13 on the following week ([link](#)).
- **January 3, 2022:** The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the province has moved into Alert Level 4 until January 17, 2022, when the decision will be reassessed ([link](#)).

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

- **January 13, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that all of New Brunswick will move to Level 3 of the COVID-19 winter plan for 16 days starting on Friday, January 14, at 11:59 p.m. Level 3 will be in effect until January 30 at 11:59 p.m. ([link](#)).
- **January 12, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick urged the public to limit contacts to help slow spread of Omicron ([link](#)).
- **January 10, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that residents 18 and older can now schedule an appointment to receive a booster dose ([link](#)).
- **January 7, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick announced that residents aged 18 to 49 will be eligible to schedule an appointment for a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine beginning January 10, 2022, as long as five months have passed since their second dose ([link](#)).
- **January 5, 2022:** The Government of New Brunswick announced new testing measures in effect, which includes the requirement to register online for a PCR or rapid test. After registering, people can book an appointment to pick up a rapid-test kit at a local assessment centre ([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,

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

- **[February 16, 2022: The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs has extended the State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife until March 2, 2022 \(link\).](#)**
- **February 15, 2022:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency until March 1, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **February 2, 2022:** The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs has extended the State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife until February 16, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **February 1, 2022:** The Minister of Health and Social Services extended the territory-wide Public Health Emergency until February 15, 2022 ([link](#)).

- **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

- [February 20, 2022: Nunavut's Minister of Health announced that schools in Gjoa Haven will be restricted to 50 percent student capacity when they open on Monday \(link\).](#)
- [February 18, 2022: Nunavut's Minister of Health announced there will be no changes to public health measures in Pond Inlet, and that they will not be eased on February 21 as previously announced \(link\).](#)
- [February 17, 2022: Nunavut's Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until March 3, 2022 \(link\).](#)
- **February 3, 2022:** Nunavut's Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until February 17, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **January 27, 2022:** Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer announced the closure of the school in Taloyoak effective immediately, until February 7, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **January 20, 2022:** Nunavut's Minister of Health extended the territory's public health emergency until February 3, 2022 ([link](#)).
- **January 17, 2022:** Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer announced changes to isolation guidelines ([link](#)).