

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 July ~~19~~²⁰, 2021. To see what has changed since our last update, please download our blackline, [here](#).

Federal

- **July 19, 2021:** The Government of Canada announced that on August 9, 2021, American citizens and permanent residents, who are currently residing in the United States, and have been fully vaccinated for at least 14 days prior to entering Canada, will be allowed entry into the country for non-essential travel. Additionally, as of September 7, 2021, provided that the domestic epidemiologic situation remains favourable, Canada's borders are intended to open to any fully vaccinated travelers who have completed the full course of vaccination with a Government of Canada-accepted vaccine at least 14 days prior to entering Canada and who meet specific entry requirements ([link](#)).
- **July 15, 2021:** The Minister of Transport announced that as of November 1, 2021, the prohibition of cruise ships in Canadian waters will no longer be in effect if operators are able to fully comply with public health requirements ([link](#)).
- **July 13, 2021:** The Minister of Indigenous Services announced a contribution of \$13 million toward the operation, planning and recovery of Indigenous community businesses in the Atlantic Region through the Indigenous Community Business Fund ([link](#)).
- **July 12, 2021:** The Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, announced that eligible organizations can now submit applications for the new \$500-million Tourism Relief Fund, designed to support the tourism sector prepare to welcome back domestic travelers and reposition Canada as a world-class destination ([link](#)).
- **July 2, 2021:** The Government of Canada issued a reminder that beginning July 5, 2021, fully vaccinated travellers, arriving by land or air, who are eligible to enter Canada and who comply with specific criteria will not be required to quarantine or complete a day-8 test. In addition, fully vaccinated travellers arriving by air will not be required to stay at a government-authorized accommodation to await their on-arrival test result ([link](#)).

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

Nunavut

- **July 20, 2021:** The Chief Public Health Officer announced that the COVID-19 outbreak in Iqaluit is over, since there have been no cases in the city for 28 days. Current public health measures remain in place but may be eased in two weeks' time, if no additional cases are identified ([link](#)).
- **July 14, 2021:** The Chief Public Health Officer announced that public health measures will be further eased in Iqaluit, effective July 16, 2021. However, masks continue to be mandatory to mitigate potential risk ([link](#)).
- **June 29, 2021:** The Chief Public Health Officer announced that public health measures will be eased in Iqaluit, effective July 2, 2021. However, masks remain mandatory ([link](#)).
- **June 23, 2021:** The Chief Public Health Officer announced that public health measures will be eased in Rankin Inlet and all Qikiqtani communities except Iqaluit, and that the COVID-19 outbreak in Kinngait is over. However, masks continue to be mandatory in all Nunavut communities ([link](#)).