



Community Guidance

Recovery Phase 1: Guidance of General Public Health Measures

On April 24, 2020 the government of New Brunswick and office of the chief medical officer of health announced the first part of New Brunswick's recovery plan to COVID-19.

COVID-19 has currently changed the way we live and work – in New Brunswick, across the country and around the world. It's impacted the way in which we socialize with our family and friends.

New Brunswick's recovery plan is built on a methodical and phased approach to slowly lift restrictions. The plan introduces four public health alert levels to re-open businesses, educational facilities, the health care system, recreational activities, and cultural events. The plan also details physical distancing measures and restrictions that will remain in place throughout the four alert levels.

This will allow communities and businesses to plan for measures that will protect individuals and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As restrictions are gradually lifted, guidance documents prepared by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. As we adapt to this new normal, things that will remain through each stage of recovery will be:

- Maintain physical distancing (2 meter or 6 ft) with anyone outside your household
- Proper hand hygiene
- Surface cleaning
- Wearing a community face mask in settings where maintaining physical distancing is challenging

These efforts will help to protect ourselves as well as our community especially those most at risk for developing severe disease from COVID-19, such as the elderly, those with chronic disease and those immunocompromised.

Planners, administrators and employers must work together to put into effect community-based measures that will protect:

- individuals
- groups
- employees
- the general population

As restrictions are gradually lifted, the Government of New Brunswick and its Chief Medical Health Officer, Dr. Jennifer Russell, will carefully monitor the daily number of reported cases and other important indicators. They will also monitor to ensure that:

- Transmission of the virus is controlled;
- The provincial health system has enough capacity to test, isolate and treat every case, as well as trace every contact;
- Outbreak risks are minimized in special settings, such as health care facilities;
- Preventive measures are established in place in workplaces, schools and other essential gathering places;
- The risks of importing the virus from outside the province can be managed; and
- Communities and businesses are educated, engaged and empowered to adjust to the new realities brought about by COVID-19.

Guidance for our Community Partners

Animals and Wildlife :

April 26, 2020 - Guidance For Pet Groomers

Child Care:

April 25, 2020 – Guidance for Staff in Child Residential Centres

March 18, 2020 – COVID-19: Key messages for Daycares that remain open

March 06, 2020 – Schools: returning after March Break March 06, 2020 – Coronavirus (COVID-19)

February 10, 2020 – Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff: UPDATED Coronavirus (2019nCoV)

January 29, 2020 – Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff: Coronavirus (2019nCoV)

Essential Services:

March 21, 2020 – Guidance for Essential Service Employee Screening Tool

First Responders:

UPDATED: April 20, 2020 – Guidance for Best Practices for First Responders: Police and Fire

Funerals:

March 28, 2020 – Mass Gathering at Funerals

Hospitality Industry:

UPDATED: April 10, 2020 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for Hotels

Housing:

April 25, 2020 - Guidance for Students who are Moving

UPDATED: April 10, 2020 – Coronavirus Guidance for Apartment Building Operators, Employees and Residents

In-Home Services (Non-Personal Care):

UPDATED: April 10, 2020 – Guidance for Workers who provide in-Home Services (Non- Personal Care)

Parks and Recreation

April 17, 2020 – Guidance for Community Gardens

April 12, 2020 – Guidance for Playgrounds, Parks and Trails

Proper Cleaning and Disinfecting:

UPDATED: April 8, 2020 – Cleaning and Disinfection for COVID-19

Retail and Food Services:

April 26, 2020 – Guidance for Garden Centres

April 18, 2020 – Guidance for Take Out Restaurants, Food Trucks, and Ice Cream Shops

UPDATED: April 17, 2020 – Guidance for the General Public When Shopping for Essential Food and Retail Services

UPDATED: April 11, 2020 – Guidance for Grocery Stores and Retail Food

UPDATED: April 10, 2020 – Coronavirus Guidance for Food Banks and Other Emergency Food Programs

Substance-use:

April 13, 2020 – Information on substance use during the COVID-19 pandemic

Transportation:

UPDATED: April 18, 2020 – Advice to Volunteers Providing Transport Services

UPDATED: April 11, 2020 – Advice to Taxi Drivers

March 15, 2020 – Long Haul Trucking and Boarder Crossing

Resources

- Community-based measures to mitigate the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Canada
- Risk-informed decision-making for mass gatherings during COVID-19 global outbreak
- The ABC's of Food Safety
- Guidance for Essential Service Employee Screening Tool

Quick Links

Frequently asked questions

Declaration of a State of Emergency and Mandatory Order

Tips for dealing with stress during an emergency

Potential Public exposures