

RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERINGS IN PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES: COVID-19

All provinces and territories across Canada have declared Public Health Emergencies as a result of COVID-19. To limit the spread of COVID-19, they have placed restrictions on public and private gatherings – both indoor and outdoor. These restrictions can vary from region to region, even within provincial borders. Through continuous monitoring and assessing of their respective situations, regions have loosened and tightened restrictions on gatherings and introduced the concept of household and social bubbles. Restrictions will continue to change over the coming months.

Any gathering, whether it be for essential or non-essential reasons, continues to require strict adherence to physical distancing guidelines of 2 metres or 6 feet between individuals. When physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as in crowded public settings, a non-medical mask or face covering should be worn.

The following information sheet provides details on the date that public health emergencies were declared in each province and territory, their respective restrictions for gatherings as of September 22, 2020, along with a government source for more information.

Due to the rapidly changing information and nuanced interpretations of gathering restrictions across Canada, it is recommended that readers check respective websites for the most up-to-date information.



British Columbia (Public Health Emergency: March 18, 2020)

- Private gatherings up to 6 people
- Public gatherings up to 50 people

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan#individuals>

Alberta (Public Health Emergency: March 17, 2020)

- Indoor gatherings up to 50 people
- Outdoor gatherings up to 100 people
- Audience-type community outdoor event up to 200 people

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-relaunch-strategy.aspx#stage2>



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Saskatchewan (Public Health Emergency: March 18, 2020)

- Three or four close families or groups of friends may form an extended household group up to 15 people
- Indoor and outdoor gatherings up to 30 people

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/public-health-measures/mass-gatherings#public-and-private-gatherings>

Manitoba (Public Health Emergency: March 20, 2020)

- Indoor gatherings up to 50 people
- Outdoor gatherings up to 100 people

<https://manitoba.ca/covid19/protection/soe.html>

Ontario (Public Health Emergency: March 17, 2020)

- Indoor gatherings up to 10 people
- Outdoor gatherings up to 25 people

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-stages#gathering-changes>

Quebec (Public Health Emergency: March 13, 2020)

- Private indoor gatherings up to 10 people from 3 households
- Public indoor gatherings up to 250 people
- Public outdoor events up to 250 people

Exception: Montreal, Quebec City, and the Chaudière-Appalaches region

- Private indoor gathering up to 6 people and limited to 2 households
- Private outdoor gathering up to 25 people

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/gatherings-events-covid19/>

Newfoundland and Labrador (Public Health Emergency: March 18, 2020)

- Indoor and outdoor gatherings run by a recognized business or organization up to 100 people
- Indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings not run by a recognized business or organization up to 50 people

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/guidance-for-gatherings/>

Prince Edward Island (Public Health Emergency: March 16, 2020)

- Indoor gatherings up to 15 people
- Outdoor gatherings up to 20 people
- Indoor/outdoor organized gatherings up to 3 cohorts of 50 people

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/gatherings-guidance>

Nova Scotia (Public Health Emergency: March 22)

- Indoor and outdoor gatherings up to 50 people
- Indoor gatherings run by a recognized business or organization up to 200 people
- Outdoor gatherings run by a recognized business or organization up to 250 people

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/what-it-means-for-nova-scotians/#gatherings>

New Brunswick (Public Health Emergency: March 19, 2020)

- Indoor or outdoor gatherings up to 50 people

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/covid-19/recovery.html>



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Northwest Territories (Public Health Emergency: March 18, 2020)

- Private indoor gatherings up to 10 people
- Organized indoor gatherings up to 25 people
- Organized outdoor gatherings up to 50 people

<https://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/services/health-and-well-being/health-advice-gatherings>

Nunavut (Public Health Emergency: March 20, 2020)

- Indoor gatherings up to 10 people
- Outdoor gatherings up to 50 people

<https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavuts-path>

Yukon (Public Health Emergency: March 27 2020)

- Indoor gatherings up to 10 people (2-household bubbles)
- Outdoor gatherings up to 50 people

<https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/current-covid-19-situation>



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