



# Re-Open Saskatchewan

A plan to re-open the provincial economy

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# Re-Open Saskatchewan

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

Although the challenge is formidable, it's one that we're overcoming by working together. We're resilient people and are not allowing COVID-19 to dampen our spirit or dim our anticipation of the future.

An essential element of our province's plan to battle COVID-19 was widespread testing of residents along with the implementation of preventative measures, such as handwashing and physical distancing. This has enabled us to manage and flatten the curve, as well as strengthen the capacity of our health care system. Another important aspect of this approach was to develop a plan that would eventually allow Saskatchewan residents and our provincial economy to emerge from isolation.

## Methodical and Phased-In Approach

Re-Open Saskatchewan is a plan built on a methodical and phased-in approach to slowly and responsibly lift restrictions on businesses and services. Flattening the curve and strengthening the system will remain priorities, as will our ability to manage the current COVID-19 pressures by building capacity in the coming weeks and months. Key elements will include increased testing and contact tracing, as well as the preparation of additional space and critical equipment.

Restrictions will be lifted in stages, with consideration given to socioeconomic factors and the risk of transmission. They will be implemented via public health orders, and the timing will be dictated by evidence of transmission.

As restrictions are gradually lifted, the Government of Saskatchewan and its Chief Medical Health Officer, Dr. Saqib Shahab, 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.

## Public Health Orders

In response to the public health risks of COVID-19, the Chief Medical Health Officer issues public health orders under the authority of *The Public Health Act, 1994*. The public health orders include measures and restrictions to mitigate the transmission of the virus. As the pandemic evolves, the public health orders will change accordingly. Regional differences in transmission and health care needs may also require some changes to the overall provincial approach.

Below are some general restrictions in place to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. For a complete list of restrictions and information on the current public health orders, as well as restrictions for specific workplaces, please visit [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).

## General Restrictions

- Large public and private gatherings – indoors and outdoors – are prohibited. Effective June 22, 2020, indoor gatherings of up to 30 are permitted where space allows for two metres of physical distancing between participants. Outdoor gatherings of up to 30 people are still permitted with appropriate physical distancing.
- Non-essential international travel is strongly discouraged.
- Individuals identified by a Medical Health Officer as having COVID-19 or a close contact to someone with COVID-19 must immediately go into mandatory self-isolation until it is determined they no longer pose a public health threat.
- Individuals who are household members or close contacts of a person or persons with COVID-19 must immediately go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from the last date of exposure and call HealthLine 811 if they become symptomatic.
- Individuals who travelled internationally must go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from the date of arrival back into Canada, except for the following people if they are supervised by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace:
  - specific health care workers;
  - workers who provide emergency health care services;
  - workers who are essential to maintaining essential services;
  - workers who maintain the supply chain; or
  - rail, airline and transport crews.
- Visitors to special care homes, hospitals, personal care homes and group homes are restricted to family or designates visiting for compassionate reasons. All visitors must undergo additional health screening prior to entry.
- All businesses permitted to operate shall do so in accordance with the public health order and in a manner that prevents transmission of COVID-19.

## Phases of Re-Open Saskatchewan

Re-Open Saskatchewan will consist of five phases. The timing and order of the businesses/workplaces included in each phase is subject to change throughout the process based on a continuous assessment of transmission patterns and other factors.

**Phase One:** Re-opening previously restricted medical services  
Opening of golf courses, parks and campgrounds

**Phase Two:** Re-opening retail and select personal care services

**Phase Three:** Re-opening restaurants and licensed establishments, gyms and fitness centres, and child care facilities  
Re-opening remaining personal care services  
Re-opening places of worship  
Increasing indoor public and private gatherings to 15 people and outdoor gatherings to 30 people

**Phase Four:** *Part I*

- Child and youth day camps
- Outdoor pools and spray parks
- Seasonal/recreational outdoor sports and activities

*Part II*

- Indoor pools
- Indoor rinks
- Libraries
- Museums
- Galleries
- Movie theatres
- Casinos
- Bingo halls

Increasing the size of indoor public and private gatherings to 30 people

**Phase Five:** Consider lifting long-term restrictions

*The following recommendations should remain in place through all five phases:*

- Protective measures for vulnerable populations.
- Individuals should continue working from home if they can do so effectively.
- Physical distancing must be maintained, wherever possible.
- People must stay at home when they are sick.
- Vulnerable individuals, such as seniors and those with underlying health conditions, should continue to exercise caution and minimize high-risk exposures, such as public outings.
- Personal hygiene will continue to be a key prevention measure.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection should take place in workplaces, public spaces and recreational facilities.
- Current public and private gathering restrictions must be followed.
- Although the public health order regarding the size of gatherings does not apply to businesses and workplaces, they are expected to follow the recommended public health measures, including:
  - physical distancing for staff and clients;
  - regular cleaning and disinfection;
  - frequent handwashing and sanitizing;
  - use of PPE where available and appropriate; and
  - keeping staff who demonstrate or report COVID-19 symptoms out of the workplace.
- Special care and personal care homes must ensure that each staff member works in only one facility.

## Phase One

### **Re-Opening Medical Services (May 4, 2020)**

- Allow public access to the following previously restricted medical services: dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, optician services, podiatry, occupational therapy and chiropractic treatment.
- Allow public access to medical spas for therapeutic services provided by a licensed medical practitioner for Saskatchewan residents. Increased infection controls must be in place. All cosmetic services will be restricted until Phase Three.
- All medical service providers will be required to continue to take precautionary measures as outlined by the Chief Medical Health Officer (provider and client screening, face masks, etc.) when it is not possible to physically distance.
- [Guidelines for medical professionals are available.](#)

**Medical services**  
(previously restricted)  
May 4, 2020

**Fishing and boat launches**  
May 4, 2020

**Golf courses**  
May 15, 2020

**Parks and campgrounds**  
June 1, 2020

### **Boat Launches (May 4, 2020)**

- [Guidelines for access to boat launches in provincial parks](#) are available.

### **Fishing (May 2020)**

- A licence may be required to fish in Saskatchewan. Eligibility information is available at [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](https://saskatchewan.ca/fishing).
- The Saskatchewan fishing season begins on the following dates:
  - Southern Zone – May 5, 2020
  - Central Zone – May 15, 2020
  - Northern Zone – May 25, 2020
- [Guidelines for fishing in provincial parks](#) are available.

### **Golf Courses (May 15, 2020)**

- All golf courses are required to take precautionary measures, including expanding the cleaning and disinfecting of common and high-touch surfaces in accordance with the public health order.
- Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres of space between individuals.
- [Guidelines for golf course operators](#) are available.

### **Drive-In Theatres (May 15, 2020)**

- Drive-in theatres will be required to take precautionary measures such as increasing cleaning and disinfection in washrooms, limiting food services to contactless pick up or delivery and ensuring physical distancing.
- [Guidelines for drive-in theatres](#) are available.

### **Outfitting Camps (May 15, 2020)**

- [Guidelines for outfitting operators](#) are available.

### **Parks and Campgrounds (June 1, 2020)**

- Online reservations for provincial parks will launch on May 4, 2020.
- Providing a fixed date and clear guidelines for the opening of parks and campgrounds allows operators to begin preparing for opening. Members of the public can prepare to access these facilities online.
- Precautionary measures must be taken, including expanding the cleaning and disinfecting of common and high-touch surfaces in accordance with the public health order.
- Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres of space between individuals.
- Overnight stays prior to June 1, 2020, are permitted for individuals with seasonal long-term sites with self-supporting infrastructure (sewer and water) located in private campgrounds or regional parks.
- [Guidelines for operators of parks and campgrounds](#) are available.



### Outdoor Individual Recreation (May 15, 2020)

- The Outdoor Individual Recreation Guidelines have been incorporated under the [Outdoor Sports and Activities Guidelines](#).

### Community Gardens (Currently Allowed)

- Community gardens can be operational, subject to all physical distancing and public gathering restrictions.
- Precautionary measures must include the cleaning and disinfection of commonly touched areas, including water taps, gardening tools and other frequent touch points.

\* Other than in an allowable business, the size of public and private gatherings will remain at a maximum of 10 people.

## Phase Two

### Re-Opening Retail (May 19, 2020)

- Retail businesses that were previously not allowed can begin providing services to the public – subject to the [retail guidelines](#) – including:
  - clothing stores
  - shoe stores
  - flower shops
  - sporting good/adventure stores
  - vaping supply shops (vaping and consumption of vaping products not permitted in stores)
  - boats, ATV and snowmobile dealers
  - gift, book and stationery stores
  - jewelry and accessory stores
  - toy stores
  - music, electronic and entertainment stores
  - pawn shops
  - thrift stores
  - travel agencies
  - marinas
  - u-pick produce

**Retail**  
May 19, 2020  
**Select Personal Services**  
May 19, 2020

### Shopping Malls (May 19, 2020)

- Shopping malls and their retail tenants may resume business subject to the [retail guidelines](#).
- Shopping mall operators must implement measures to ensure appropriate social distancing in the common spaces of the mall, and queues must be managed with a minimum of two metres between people.
- Washrooms may be open to staff and the public, but increased cleaning and disinfection must take place.
- Food court facilities are restricted to pick-up and delivery service only. All seating areas must be

closed.

- In order to maintain physical distancing, elevators should contain no more than four people spaced two metres apart (or as far apart as possible, in each corner). Household groups are not required to distance and may use the elevator in groups larger than four if no other individuals are on the elevator at the same time.
- Escalators must be managed to maintain two metres between users.

### **Re-Opening Select Personal Care Services (May 19, 2020)**

- Some personal care service businesses can begin providing services to the public – subject to the [personal care services guidelines](#) – including:
  - hairstylist/barber (may wash, cut, style and chemically alter hair)
  - registered massage therapist
  - acupuncturist
  - acupressurist
- Re-opening these businesses will allow many small business owners to bring their businesses back online in a safe and efficient manner.
- All businesses and customers are expected to practise physical distancing. Where it is not possible to provide personal services through physical distancing, service providers will be required to take precautionary measures, such as client screening, wearing eye protection and face masks.
- Retail and personal services workplaces will need to follow guidance that essential businesses are currently following with respect to handwashing, intensive cleaning (particularly high-touch areas) and structuring stores to enable physical distancing. In order to meet these requirements, operators may need to limit the number of customers in the store.
- Garage sales are not permitted at this time and will be re-assessed in later phases.

### **Public Markets and Farmers Markets (May 19, 2020)**

- Public markets and farmers markets may begin operations with the necessary precautionary measures in place, including increased cleaning and disinfecting, restricting the number of people in the market areas and practising physical distancing.
- [Guidelines for public and farmers markets](#) are available.

\* Other than in an allowable business, the size of public and private gatherings will remain at a maximum of 10 people.

## Phase Three – June 8, 2020

### Re-Opening Remaining Personal Care Services

- Other personal care service businesses can begin providing services to the public, including:
  - esthetician
  - tattoo artist
  - make-up application
  - electrologist
  - manicurist
  - pedicurist
  - sun tanning parlour
  - facilities in which body piercing, bone grafting or scarification services are provided
  - other personal service facilities

### Re-Opening Restaurants and Licensed Establishments – 50 per cent capacity

- Effective June 8, restaurants and licensed establishments will be able to open for service at 50 per cent capacity.
- [Guidelines for the re-opening of restaurants and licensed establishments](#) are available.

### Re-Opening Gyms and Fitness Facilities

- Effective June 8, gyms and fitness facilities will be able to open for service.
- [Guidelines for the re-opening of gyms and fitness facilities](#) are available.

### Re-Opening Child Care Facilities

- Child care facilities will be able to open for service, effective June 8.
- [Guidelines for the re-opening of child care facilities](#) are available.

### Re-Opening Places of Worship

- Effective June 8, places of worship may resume services.
- [Guidelines](#) were developed in consultation with leaders from faith communities in the province.

### Re-Opening Parks and Outdoor Playgrounds

- The Parks and Outdoor Playgrounds Guidelines have been incorporated into [the Outdoor Recreation Guidelines](#).

## June 8

Remaining Personal Care Services

Restaurants and Licensed Establishments  
(50 per cent capacity)

Gyms and Fitness Facilities

Child Care Facilities

Places of Worship

Increase the Size of Public and Private Gatherings:  
Indoor – 15 People  
Outdoor – 30 People

## Re-Opening Beaches

- Beaches will be able to open on June 12.
- [Guidelines for the safe re-opening of beaches](#) are available.

## Increase the Size of Public and Private Gatherings: Indoor – 15 People; Outdoor - 30 People

- All businesses and customers are expected to practise physical distancing.
- Restaurants, bars, lounges, food courts, cafeterias, cafes, bistros, and similar facilities are allowed up to 50 per cent capacity of their regular capacity to respect limitations on the size of gatherings and physical distancing. Buffet service is not permitted.
- Recreation areas within restaurants and licensed establishments are not allowed. This includes dance floors, VLTs, pool tables and other areas where it is not possible to practise physical distancing.
- All facilities that provide child care services as defined in *The Child Care Act, 2014*, are limited to a maximum of 15 children per building space to allow parents to return to work. Restricting children to a single facility is mandatory to reduce transmission risks.
- All child care facilities located within a special care or personal care home must have a private entrance and separate space so there are no shared common areas. There must be no interaction between children and residents of the home. The facility may continue to operate subject to any restrictions placed on all child care facilities.
- Re-opening gyms and fitness facilities promotes physical and mental wellness. Physical distancing must be maintained, and stringent cleaning and disinfecting protocols must be established.
- Clients over 40 years of age and those with underlying risk factors should use caution when considering visiting fitness facilities.

\* Other than in an allowable business, the size of public and private gatherings will increase to a maximum of 15 people indoors and 30 people outdoors.

## Phase Four

### *Part I – June 22*

- Child and youth day camps
- Outdoor pools and spray parks
- Seasonal/recreational outdoor sports and activities

### *Part II*

#### *June 29*

- Libraries
- Museums
- Galleries

## Part I – June 22

Child and Youth Day  
Camps

Outdoor Pools and Spray  
Parks

Outdoors Sports and  
Activities

- Movie theatres
- Live theatres

### *July 6*

- Indoor sports and activities
- Indoor pools
- Indoor rinks
- Performing arts

### *July 9*

- Casinos
- Bingo halls

### *July 16 (target date)*

- Racetracks and rodeo-related activities
  - Guidelines currently being developed

### **Increasing the Size of Indoor Public and Private Gatherings to 30 People**

## **Phase Five – Date TBD**

### **Consider Lifting Some Long-Term Restrictions**

- Options include limits on the size of public gatherings

## **Part II**

**Libraries, Museums,  
Art Galleries**  
June 29

**Movie Theatres,  
Live Theatres**  
June 29

**Indoor Pools and Rinks**  
July 6

**Indoor Sports and  
Activities**  
July 6

**Performing Arts**  
July 6

**Casinos and Bingo Halls**  
July 9

**Racetracks and Rodeo-  
Related Activities**  
July 16 (target date)



# COVID-19 Workplace Information

Businesses operating in Saskatchewan must operate according to the following COVID-19 response guidelines. This information will apply to all workplaces in Saskatchewan as restrictions are lifted and businesses are brought back into service.

For further information on COVID-19 and a [list of critical public services and allowable businesses](#), please visit [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19) or contact the Business Response Team at 1-844-800-8688 or email [supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca](mailto:supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca).

## General Workplace Information



- Workplaces are exempt from the restriction on indoor and outdoor gatherings. However, two-metre distancing between individuals should still be maintained. If this is not possible, other measures should be used, such as self-monitoring of personal health or supervision by Infection Prevention and Control or Occupational Health and Safety staff in the workplace.
- Operations may need to be altered or postponed to maintain distancing. Where this is not possible (i.e. for safety reasons, transport situations or production lines), staff should wash hands often and practise good coughing/sneezing etiquette (e.g. coughing into elbow).
- Besides customers, limit business-related visitors to essential services only. This may include tradespeople, pest control or compliance officers. Schedule visits to eliminate people gathering in reception areas.
- Customers should be encouraged to use credit or debit cards for payment. Limit contact by allowing customers to scan/tap/swipe their own cards.
- Employees who handle cash or credit cards should practise proper hand hygiene. When hands are not visibly soiled and between customer interactions, alcohol-based hand sanitizers approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) can be used. Employees should wash their hands with soap and water when hands are visibly soiled, before and after any breaks, at the beginning and end of their shift, and before preparing food.
- Conduct business remotely (e.g. conference calls, video conferences, email), whenever possible.
- Limit the exchange of papers (e.g. signing contracts). If documents must be exchanged, leave them on a clean surface while maintaining a two-metre distance. Avoid sharing pens and office equipment. Disinfect after each use.
- In order to maintain physical distancing, elevators should contain no more than four people spaced two metres apart (or as far apart as possible, in each corner). Household groups are not required to distance and may use the

elevator in groups larger than four if no other individuals are on the elevator at the same time.

- Escalators must be managed to maintain two metres between users.
- A response plan should be in place in case a patron or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms while at the venue.

## Cleaning, Disinfection and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



- The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces. Frequent cleaning and disinfection is necessary.
- Commonly touched areas and shared equipment must be cleaned and disinfected at least twice daily, or when visibly soiled. These include light switches, door handles, toilets, taps, handrails, countertops, mobile devices and keyboards.
- Many chemicals used for COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting are classified under the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) 2015. Look for WHMIS hazard symbols on your products. [Learn more about WHMIS 2015.](#)



- Assign staff to dedicated work areas as much as possible. Discourage them from sharing phones, desks, offices and other tools and equipment.
- Clothing and fabric items should be laundered and dried on the highest temperature setting possible. Ensure items are thoroughly dried.
- [Cleaning and sanitizing information](#) for public facilities is available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).
- Employees should be provided access to tissues, no-touch trash receptacles, hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number), disinfectants and disposable towels.
- If PPE is required, there must be protocols for donning and doffing the equipment, as well as instructions for disposing of it. Additional COVID-19 PPE information can be found at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).

## Worker Health/Preventative Measures



- All workers must self-monitor for symptoms and use the self-assessment tool at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).
- Infection Prevention and Control or Occupational Health and Safety staff in the workplace can assist in monitoring employee symptoms and provide advice in line with the provincial public health order.
- Employers should have plans in place for increased worker absences due to illness or isolation.
- All businesses must have a workplace illness policy. If a policy does not currently exist or does not align with COVID-19 recommendations, the following should be included:
  - Sick employees must stay home or be sent home from work;
  - For employees housed in workplace accommodations (i.e. work camps), sick employees must be confined to their rooms until cleared for re-entry into the workforce;
  - Sick employees must use the Government of Saskatchewan's self-assessment tool for COVID-19 and follow the subsequent directions.
  - When employees go home sick, their work areas must be cleaned and disinfected.
- Practise physical distancing at work:
  - Remain two metres apart from others.
  - Avoid large crowds.
  - Avoid handshakes and any other physical contact with others.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.
- Follow proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette:
  - Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. Scrub for 20 seconds.
  - If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
  - Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes.
  - Cough/sneeze into the bend of your elbow and then wash your hands with soap and water.





# Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines



## What Do I Need To Know?

- The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces and objects.
- Frequent cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent spread of the disease.
- Many common household and commercial disinfectant products will destroy the COVID-19 virus.
- Some disinfectants will have an eight-digit Drug Identification Number (DIN). These products are approved for use by Health Canada.
- Household bleach (five per cent sodium hypochlorite) may not have a DIN, but may be used following the instructions below.

## What Do I Need To Do?

- Clean often. Areas visited by people should be kept clean and free from clutter.
- Commonly touched areas should be cleaned and disinfected twice daily or whenever visibly soiled. This includes light switches, door handles, toilets, taps, hand rails, counter tops, toys, touch screens/mobile devices and keyboards.
- Clothing and fabric items should be laundered and dried on the highest temperature setting possible. Ensure items are thoroughly dried.

## Is There a Difference Between Cleaning and Disinfecting?

- Cleaning products remove dirt, dust and oils, but don't always kill germs.
- Disinfectants are applied after cleaning to destroy germs.
- Cleaning is required prior to disinfection to remove soil and ensure the effectiveness of disinfection (unless otherwise indicated by manufacturer).
- Common disinfectants include bleach solutions, quaternary ammonium (QUAT), alcohol (70 per cent) and peroxide. Vinegar, tea tree oil solutions, etc. are not proven to be effective disinfectants.

## How Do I Make a Disinfecting Solution?

- Always read product labels and follow the manufacturer's directions. Do not use expired products.
- According to Health Canada, a disinfecting solution can be made by mixing one part of bleach into 50 parts of water. For example, 1 teaspoon (5 mL) bleach into 1 cup (250 mL) water. These directions are based on bleach that is 5 per cent sodium hypochlorite.
- Do not mix soap or other cleaners into the bleach and water solution.
- Apply the disinfecting solution using a spray bottle or a clean wiping cloth.
- Always use appropriate PPE for working with bleach, including protective gloves.
- Food contact surfaces should be rinsed with fresh water after disinfecting.
- Toys that children may put in their mouths must be thoroughly rinsed after disinfecting.
- If using disinfectant wipes, the manufacturer's recommended contact time (i.e. how long the surface remains wet) must be met. Disinfectant wipes are not recommended for heavily soiled surfaces.

### For further information on COVID-19, please visit:

- Government of Saskatchewan: [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19)
- Government of Canada: [canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html](https://canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html)



# Appropriate Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidelines



## Information for Employers

Employers who have created PPE policies specifically to protect employees from the COVID-19 virus are encouraged to re-examine these policies to ensure valuable PPE resources are not unnecessarily diverted from the healthcare system. Please note this is not intended to change established PPE requirements for an employee's day-to-day work activities.

Employers and staff should adhere to the basic requirements of frequent handwashing, physical distancing and staying home when ill.

## PPE Use in the Healthcare System

**Note:** As of April 17, 2020, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) implemented [Continuous Use Masking Principles and Guidelines](#). The SHA now requires surgical/procedure masks to be worn by all staff and physicians who may come into direct or indirect contact with patients/residents/clients in clinical care areas. Masks are not required in common areas of SHA healthcare facilities (i.e. hallways or waiting areas unless individuals are symptomatic).

As with other sectors, the healthcare system uses engineered controls, administrative controls and PPE to address the many hazards faced by health care workers. There are extensive PPE requirements for employees in the health care system.

The appropriate use of PPE to protect against the COVID-19 virus is based on established infection prevention and control measures implemented by health authorities. PPE requirements based on droplet and contact precautions include:

- Gloves, a long-sleeved gown, procedure/surgical mask, and facial/eye protection when entering a patient room and in close contact with a COVID-19 patient. These items must be removed after leaving the room.
- Gloves, long-sleeved gown, an N95 respirator, and facial/eye protection when in direct contact with a COVID-19 patient and an aerosol generating medical procedure is performed that could result in fluid from the patient's respiratory system becoming airborne (e.g. intubation, CPR).
- Proper hand hygiene, including washing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs when hands are not visibly soiled.

- Masks and other disposable PPE can be discarded into a plastic-lined garbage container.

## PPE Use in Non-Healthcare Settings

Most workers in non-healthcare settings will not require PPE for protection against the COVID-19 virus unless they are in situations similar to health care workers. Non-PPE controls should be put into place by employers as often as possible.

Orders from the provincial Chief Medical Health Officer and support from the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety represent the minimum standard that employers must meet. To address COVID-19 health and safety concerns in the workplace, ask yourself the following questions:

1. *How are you telling your workers about COVID-19 (i.e. exposure to COVID-19 in your workplace)?*
2. *Do you have a system in place where workers (including occupational health committee (OHC) or an occupational health and safety representative) can inform you of concerns relating to being exposed to COVID-19 in the workplace?*

Find out if there are any specific tasks that concern them (e.g. tasks that involve interacting with others).

### **Identifying exposure hazards and developing measures to control exposure**

3. *What are you doing to prevent your workers from being exposed to COVID-19?*
  - Have you done a walk-through of your workplace to identify specific conditions or tasks that may increase the risk of exposure of your workers to COVID-19?
  - Have you asked your workers (including your occupational health and safety committee or an occupational health and safety representative) where potential exposures may occur and how they think exposures can be controlled?
  - Are tasks that require PPE necessary at this time or can they wait?
4. *Have you developed controls that will eliminate or minimize the risk of exposure?*
  - What are those controls?
  - Have you put them in place?
  - How are they working (are they effective)?
  - How do you know how they are working?

### **Controlling the number of people on site**

5. *How are you controlling the number of workers and other people at your workplace?*
  - Do all your workers need to come to work? Can some work from home?
  - Can you stagger shifts to reduce the numbers present at one time?
  - Are you ensuring there is adequate cleaning between shifts?

- Can you prioritize the work that needs to be done at the workplace to help your business operate as close to normal under the circumstances? This will require a determination of core work and where it can safely and productively be performed.
6. *If you have workers who need to come to the workplace, how are you ensuring the following steps are being taken to reduce their risk of COVID-19 exposure? Different workplaces will have different needs, but the following steps are a good start:*
- Workplaces may have physical barriers in place (e.g. drive-thru windows for customer service).
  - Position workers to allow for physical distancing. Keep two metres between workers, as well as your customers.
  - Provide soap and water or hand sanitizers, and encourage workers to wash their hands frequently.
  - Enhance cleaning and disinfecting of the workplace, particularly high-contact items such as door handles, faucets, keyboards and shared equipment (e.g. photocopiers).
7. *How are you checking and tracking whether the above steps are being taken?*

## What's the difference between a surgical/procedure mask and an N95 respirator?

A surgical/procedure mask is not a respirator. It is an approved (e.g. ASTM standard F2100), loose-fitting, disposable device that creates an effective physical barrier. It is intended to prevent droplets from an infected source from contaminating the skin and mucous membranes of the nose and mouth of the wearer. These masks can be worn by people infected with the COVID-19 virus to trap droplets expelled when coughing or sneezing. Healthcare workers routinely use surgical masks as part of their PPE requirements.

N95 is a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approved, air-purifying, particulate-filtering, disposable, half-face piece respirator. These devices are designed to protect users from inhaling hazardous airborne particles and aerosols, including dusts and infection agents such as the COVID-19 virus. An N95 respirator is a common protective device in healthcare settings.

N95 respirators require initial and ongoing training, as well as an approved method for fit-testing to ensure a tight facial seal. Without this training and fit-testing, N95s may not be effective against the COVID-19 virus.



Left: Surgical/procedure mask. Right: N95 respirator

## Other than NIOSH and ASTM, are there any other approved standards for respirators and surgical/procedure masks?

To expand the availability of N95 respirators and surgical masks during the pandemic, some alternate standards designated as equivalent by the Government of Canada/Health Canada will be accepted. This includes respirators such as KN95, FFP2, P2, Korea 1st Class, DS and surgical masks such as Type IIR that are approved or certified under standards used in other countries similar to NIOSH and ASTM.

[Public Works and Government Services Canada](#) has information on specifications for COVID-19 products.

## Are cloth masks considered PPE?

Cloth masks are non-medical masks or face coverings which are NOT considered PPE for use in a workplace setting. They are not regulated like surgical/procedure masks and respirators. Cloth masks are considered an additional or supplementary hygiene measure to further prevent transmission of COVID-19. Instead of protecting workers, they protect others from possible transmission.

If an employer determines that PPE is required to protect the health and safety of workers based on a hazard assessment, then the employer must supply approved PPE to workers. Cloth masks do not replace proven measures such as handwashing and physical distancing. Please refer to the [Cloth Mask Guidelines](#) for more information.

## What are some non-healthcare occupations that may require PPE to protect against COVID-19?

Many tasks performed by workers in non-healthcare settings will not require PPE.

Occupations that require workers to come into close contact (less than two metres) with people known or suspected of having the COVID-19 need to take extra precautions, including wearing PPE. This includes:

- First responders (e.g. police and fire officials);
- Corrections officials;
- Group home and personal care home workers responsible for resident care;
- Funeral home staff;
- Public health officials; and
- Personal care services.

## Should workers in non-healthcare settings be advised to wear a homemade non-medical/cloth mask?

There is limited evidence on the effectiveness of homemade cloth masks. Employers may use their discretion to allow staff who are otherwise healthy to wear homemade masks. Specific [guidelines for cloth masks](#) are available.

## For further information on COVID-19 please visit:

- Government of Saskatchewan: [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19)
- WorkSafe Saskatchewan: [worksafesask.ca/covid-19](https://worksafesask.ca/covid-19)
- Workers Compensation Board (SK): [worksafesask.ca/covid-19](https://worksafesask.ca/covid-19)



## Cloth Mask Guidelines



While the primary cause of COVID-19 transmission is people who are symptomatic, there is increasing evidence that some COVID-19 infected people never develop symptoms or are not yet sick and are able to transmit the virus.

Health officials have agreed that wearing a non-medical mask (e.g. cloth or other materials) – even if you have no symptoms – is an additional measure you may take to protect others around you, particularly in situations where the recommended physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as public transit.

Wearing a non-medical mask will not prevent you from getting sick. However, it is another way of covering your mouth and nose to prevent your respiratory droplets from contaminating others or landing on surfaces.

People should also be aware that masks can become contaminated on the outside or when touched by hands.

- Avoid moving the mask around or adjusting it often.
- Masks should not be shared with others.

A homemade mask does not replace proven public health measures. The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to continue to:

- stay home as much as possible;
- practise physical distancing;
- wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water; and
- cover your cough or sneezes with tissues or your sleeve.

Individuals choosing to wear a non-medical mask need to understand their limitations and how to safely use them. Information is available on the Public Health Agency of Canada website: [Considerations in the use of homemade masks to protect against COVID-19](#). Information on how to make a non-medical mask and how to properly put on or remove a non-medical mask can be found here - [About non-medical masks and face coverings](#).





## Delivery and Mail Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for delivery and mail services.



- Workers who handle mail and deliveries do not require special protection; however, they should wash their hands frequently with soap and water after handling all materials.
- Workers delivering products must minimize contact with people and surfaces at their delivery locations. Contactless drop-off procedures should be implemented.
- Delivery and transport vehicles should be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

For additional information, please call the Business Response Team at 1-844-800-8688 or email [supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca](mailto:supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca).



## Transportation Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for the transportation industry.



- Public transportation, including paratransit, should increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting all areas of public contact. Encourage members of the public to practise two-metre separation.
- Taxi and rideshare drivers should carry passengers in the back seats only. As much as possible, passengers should practise physical distancing within the vehicle. If one does not already exist, employers should consider installing a shield or barrier between the front and back seats, or around the driver.
- Limit contact with passengers. Direct passengers to load their own luggage, preferably in the trunk of the vehicle.
- Clean and disinfect taxi/rideshare vehicles regularly, paying close attention to surfaces frequently touched by passengers, such as door handles, arm rests, seatbelts and buttons for windows and locks.
- Air flow in the vehicle should not be set to recirculating. However, if a passenger is being transported to/from a health care facility and/or is displaying respiratory symptoms, keep the windows open.
- Place signage with information on proper coughing/sneezing etiquette and hand hygiene where it is clearly visible to passengers.
- Carpooling or sharing rides to work should be discontinued. If carpooling must occur, physical distancing should be maintained as much as possible, including having people sit in the backseat.
- In situations where it is impossible to maintain a two-metre distance between workers in a vehicle, the following adaptations should be made:
  - Encourage the same workers to ride in the same company vehicle every shift.
  - Workers should occupy the same seats in a vehicle for the entire shift.
  - Avoid physical contact and sharing materials or equipment.
  - Vehicles should be frequently cleaned and disinfected during the shift, as well as between each shift. This includes commonly touched surfaces, such as the steering wheel, gear shift, dash, radio, door handles (interior and exterior), rearview mirror, armrest and seatbelts.



# Child Care Facilities Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of child care facilities.



Child care facilities must follow all of the requirements in the public health order and continue to operate in compliance with all other applicable legislation and licensing requirements, including the Child Care Guidelines and *The Child Care Regulations, 2015*.

COVID-19 infections in children tend to be mild and similar to other viral respiratory infections. Symptoms such as dry cough, fever and gastrointestinal concerns (e.g. nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) may be present. Skin changes and lesions are less common symptoms.

As of June 8, 2020, all child care services as defined in *The Child Care Act, 2014*, are limited to a maximum of 15 children per building space. This may mean 15 children per facility or, in the case of larger facilities where area permits, a facility reconfigured to allow a maximum of 15 children in one defined area. These areas must be separate for each group and need to be separated by a barrier (floor to ceiling barriers not necessary) that can prevent children, toys and other items from crossing over. The child-to-adult ratios and usable floor space requirements for the child care areas must align with the Child Care Guidelines for Care and *The Child Care Regulations, 2015*.

Groups of children and the staff members assigned to them must stay together throughout the day and cannot mix with other groups. Staff should remain with the same group. Groups must be within in the same room/space at the same time, including pickups and drop-offs, meal times, playtime and outdoor activities.

Children are restricted to attending a single facility to reduce transmission risks. All child care facilities located within special care or personal care homes are subject to all general restrictions and must have private entrances and separate spaces so there are no shared common areas. There must be no interaction between children and residents of the home.

## Guidelines for General Operation

- Staff and parents must encourage and practise physical distancing.
- Staff should minimize the frequency of direct physical contact with children and encourage children to minimize physical contact with each other.

- For younger children, maintaining physical distance is less practical and the focus should be on minimizing physical contact instead.
- Help younger children learn about physical distancing and less physical contact by creating games that include basic principles such as two arms lengths apart.
- Children from the same household (e.g. siblings) do not need to maintain physical distance from each other.
- Avoid close greetings like hugs or handshakes, and encourage physically distant greetings such as 'air fives' and waves.
- Plan for reduced contact activities such as shadow tag and, where possible, avoid activities that require clustering around a particular item or small area.
- The use of play areas should be limited to one group at a time, unless physical distancing can be maintained at all times between groups and play areas are not being shared. This may include having a barrier in place. Ensure hand hygiene occurs for staff and children before, during and after outdoor play.
- Wherever possible, physical distancing should be maintained, even within the same group. Consider modifying room configurations (e.g. separating tables) to promote physical distancing. Incorporate more individual activities or activities that encourage more space between children and staff.
- Where possible, remove or reduce play with toys that encourage group play in close proximity or increase the likelihood of physical contact. Keep toys that encourage individual play.
- Parents and caregivers should only bring personal comfort items (e.g. stuffed animals) if they are clean and can be laundered at the end of each day.
- Children and staff should not share food, drinks, soothers, bottles, sippy cups, toothbrushes, facecloths and other personal items. Label personal items with the child's name to discourage accidental sharing.
- Where possible, child care operators and staff should use telephone or video conferencing when possible to meet with staff and parents.

## Drop-Off and Pickup Guidelines

- Checking temperatures, detailed screening or requiring COVID-19 testing of children and staff are not required or recommended at this time based on current evidence.
- Modify procedures for drop-off and pickup that support physical distancing and separate groups to the greatest extent possible. Possible strategies include separate group entrances, limit pickups and drop-offs to one parent/guardian, staggering entry or limiting the number of people in entry areas. Ensure parents are informed of all procedures.
- Where possible, the pickup and drop-off of children may occur outside the child care setting, unless there is a need for the parent or caregiver to enter

the facility (e.g. very young children). If a parent must enter the facility, they should maintain physical distance from staff and other children and be reminded to practise diligent hand hygiene.

- Parents and caregivers should use their own pens and avoid touching the sign-in/out sheet directly. They should practise hand hygiene before and after touching the sign-in/out sheet. Consider switching to a contactless or electronic sign-in/out method.
- Parents picking up children from more than one group should not be allowed to intermingle with children in the groups.
- Place alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or soap and water handwashing stations near doors for use by staff, parents and other essential visitors. Make disinfectant wipes available for wiping down diaper bags and strollers, as well as trash bins for disposing of the wipes.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer dispensers should not be in locations that can be accessed by young children, as alcohol-based hand sanitizers are not generally recommended for use by young children.
- Vehicles used by child care facilities for transporting children should be cleaned and disinfected as per transportation guidance in the [COVID-19 workplace guidelines](#). Transportation should be limited to the transport of children to and from care. Recreational travel requiring vehicles, such as field trips, is not permitted at this time.
- Neighbourhood walks are permitted as long as they are limited to a single group, with physical distancing maintained from members of the public.

## Guidelines for Illness in Care

- Children who are ill are not permitted to attend child care. Staff can remind parents and guardians of this at drop-off to confirm that the child does not have symptoms of COVID-19. All parents, guardians, children and staff who are under mandatory self-isolation must not attend the child care facility. Instead, they must stay home and self-isolate. Children can return to care once they are cleared by public health.
- Parents and caregivers must assess their children daily for symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory diseases before sending them to child care.
- Signage may be used to remind parents and guardians not to enter the facility if they are sick. Signs should be posted at the entrances to child care facilities.
- If a parent or guardian is unsure if they or a child should self-isolate, they should be directed to use the [online Saskatchewan COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or contact HealthLine 811 prior to attending the child care facility.
- If a child develops symptoms at the facility, the child should be isolated from other children and the parent or guardian should be notified to pick up the

child immediately. If a separate room is not available, the child needs to be kept at least two metres away from other children.

- If the sick child is young and requires close contact and care, staff can continue to care for the child until the parent is able to pick up the child. Staff must wear a procedure/surgical mask and eye protection during all interactions with the sick child, and should try to avoid contact with the child's respiratory secretions. Once the child leaves, staff must wash their hands and ensure all areas that the sick child touched are cleaned and disinfected. All items used by the child while isolated should be cleaned and disinfected as soon as the child is picked up. Items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected (e.g. paper, books, cardboard puzzles) should be removed from the program and stored in a sealed container for a minimum of three days.

## Guidelines for Employees

- Non-essential visitors to facilities are not permitted at this time. Parents or guardians, essential services, and persons supporting a child in care (e.g. referring professionals, inspectors, etc.) are permitted.
- If staff are unable to maintain two-metre distancing from other staff, other measures should be used, such as self-monitoring of personal health, supervision by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety staff in the workplace, or implementing appropriate measures such as:
  - Staggering activities to limit the number of staff in a confined area during the same period.
  - Moving activities to another room, wherever possible.
  - Altering shift and break times to minimize the number of staff working in close quarters.
  - Using markings or dividers in common areas to ensure physical distancing.
  - Wearing personal protective equipment.
- Proper and frequent hand hygiene by staff and children is a vital component in preventing the transmission of illnesses. Ensure staff and children are practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette. Parents and staff can teach and reinforce these practices.
  - Hand hygiene stations should be set up at the entrance, so that children can clean their hands when they enter. If a sink with soap and water is not available, provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number). Keep hand sanitizer out of the reach of children and supervise its use.
  - Incorporate additional hand hygiene opportunities into the daily schedule.
  - Ensure the child care facility is well stocked with handwashing supplies at all times, including soap, paper towels, waste bins and, where

- appropriate, alcohol-based hand approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
  - Children regularly forget about proper handwashing. Staff and children should practise often, with staff modelling washing hands properly in a fun and relaxed way.
- All workers must self-monitor for symptoms and use the [online Saskatchewan COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#).
- Infection Prevention and Control or Occupational Health and Safety staff in the workplace can assist in monitoring employee symptoms and provide advice in line with the provincial public health order.
- It is recommended that child care facilities review their employee illness policies to ensure staff are able to remain home when ill (as is required).
- Workplaces should have a workplace illness policy. If policies do not exist or are not in line with COVID-19 recommendations, facilities should ensure that all sick employees must stay home or be sent home from work.
- If employees go home sick, their group areas and any areas they had contact with must be cleaned and disinfected.

## Cleaning and Sanitation Guidelines

- The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces and objects. Frequent cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent spread of the disease.
- Maintain a cleaning schedule and ensure staff are adequately assigned and trained for additional cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection required for COVID-19 transmission mitigation.
- Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas. Common touch areas include those accessed by children, parents and/or employees. Examples of common touch surfaces include table tops, light switches, telephones (including personal cell phones), door knobs, sink taps, toilet handles, kitchen counter tops, gates, hand rails, hand sanitizer bottles/dispensers, toys, sleep cots/mats and cribs.
- Due to the increased amount of cleaning required during an outbreak situation, it is best practice to decrease the number of toys available to children.
- All items (bedding, toys, etc.) used by children that day must be removed from the play area and disinfected, or disinfected in place.
- Indoor shared spaces and structures that cannot be cleaned and disinfected between groups should not be used. If play structures are to be used by more than one group, the structures can only be used by one group at a time and must be cleaned and disinfected before and after use by each group.
- Ensure the disinfectant used in the facility is adequate for the elimination of viruses and is approved by Health Canada (DIN).

- Any food contact surfaces must be disinfected with a product safe for food surfaces or immediately rinsed following disinfection.
- Ensure washrooms are cleaned and disinfected with increased frequency, always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available.
- Clean and disinfect diapering stations after each use.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.
- Remove toys and other items that cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected. Launder plush/stuffed toys following use.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning blood or body fluids (e.g. runny nose, vomit, stool, urine). Wash hands before wearing and after removing gloves.
- Clean and disinfect cots and cribs after each use, and launder crib linens between children. If parents are providing their own crib linen, the linens should be laundered and placed in a sealed plastic or washable bag before bringing to the child care facility. Do not shake the linens.
- Programs that utilize a space with other user groups (e.g. programs in museums, community centres, etc.) must ensure the space is cleaned and disinfected before and after using the space.

## Program Operator Guidelines

- No self-serve or family-style meal service. There should be no common food items (e.g. salt and pepper shakers). Meals should be served in individual portions to each child by a designated staff member.
- Utensils should be used to serve food items (not fingers).
- If meals or snacks are provided, ensure all children have their own individual meals or snacks. Reusable utensils must be cleaned and sanitized after each use.
- Food provided by the family should be stored with the child's belongings or, if refrigeration is required, should be kept in an area designated for the child's group and should not be handled by staff from other groups. Food from home must not be shared with other children.
- Children are not allowed to participate in food preparation.
- Where possible, children should practise physical distancing while eating. Consider staggering snack or meal times to allow spacing between children during meals.
- Consider using books and individual games as a part of learning, so children can sit independently and distanced from each other.
- Where possible, sensory play should be discontinued. If necessary, sensory play should be conducted as an individual activity (e.g. each child gets a ball of playdough and tools, one at a time at the sand table). Handwashing must occur before and after using shared sensory items, children must be



supervised and discouraged from touching their faces, and items must be disinfected or discarded between uses by different groups.

- When possible, increase the distance between nap mats. If space is tight, place children head to toe.
- Each group should have designated equipment (e.g. balls, loose equipment) or clean and disinfect equipment between group uses.
- Establish a plan to prevent mingling of groups in washrooms, and to minimize the number of shared surfaces in washrooms.

## Personal Protective Equipment

- Except when in close contact with a sick child, masks and eye protection are not required in the child care setting, beyond those used by staff as part of their regular precautions for hazards normally encountered in the workplace. They should only be used when all other controls have been fully explored.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning blood or body fluids (e.g. runny nose, vomit, stool, urine). Gloves must be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change (hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water).
- Other than the above situations, glove use is not required nor recommended.

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## Places of Worship Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for places of worship.



The Government of Saskatchewan, in consultation with leaders from faith communities in the province, developed guidelines for places of worship to resume service. These guidelines apply to indoor and outdoor gatherings.

These guidelines are intended to support a return to in-person services for places of worship. Further guidelines will be forthcoming to address additional critical services, pastoral care and community supports provided by faith-based institutions in Saskatchewan. The initial guidelines are intended to allow places of worship that choose to return to service to do so safely and guard against the transmission of COVID-19.

Places of worship should only return to service once they are able to safely implement the controls identified in these guidelines.

### Drive-In or Remote Worship Guidelines

- When possible, it's recommended that services are delivered online (via Zoom, YouTube, etc.).
- They may also be delivered as drive-in services, but individuals are encouraged to remain in their vehicles as much as possible. Only individuals from the same household may occupy the same vehicle.
- Drive-in services must be held in designated parking lots or staging areas, and must meet the following conditions:
  - Event organizers must have measures in place to ensure people maintain two metres of separation if they need to leave their vehicles. However, attendees should be encouraged to remain in their vehicles.
  - Vehicles must be separated by a minimum of two metres.
  - Access to washroom facilities must be limited. Where washroom access is provided, frequent cleaning and disinfection must take place throughout the event.
  - People leaving their vehicles to use the washrooms must maintain a minimum of two metres of separation from others at all times.
  - No food or beverage service is allowed.
  - All other services must be suspended, including picnic and play areas.

- Anyone who is feeling sick or symptomatic must remain at home.
- Organizers must provide proposals for any events to local public health officials, as well as be available to answer any questions, to ensure the event does not pose a risk of spreading COVID-19.

## Guidelines for Accommodating Worship

Places of worship may resume services providing physical distancing of two metres can be maintained between each individual household.

- Delivering services virtually or through remote delivery such as drive-in service is recommended.
- The total number of people participating in the services cannot exceed 30 per cent of seating capacity or 150 people, whichever is less.
- To safely support larger groupings of individuals – and where seating area allows adequate physical distancing – multiple groups of 30 are permitted. These groups must be separated by two metres, unless they are part of the same family. Other groups of 30 must be arranged in the same way, and spaced from other groups by a minimum of five metres.
- These guidelines apply to all worship services, including celebrations of life, weddings and outdoor ceremonies.
- Where possible, registration of participants is encouraged to effectively manage the number of individuals attending. Registration should be facilitated to discourage attendees from common-use items such as pens and pencils.
- Use visual cues to support physical distancing.
- Implement one-way traffic flow to promote physical distancing (i.e. enter through one door and exit through another).
- Attendees who are medically vulnerable are strongly encouraged to delay their return to services and continue to participate in services online, where possible.
- Attendees, employees and volunteers are required to stay home if sick or symptomatic.
- Places of worship will be required to identify measures by which entry and exit is managed to ensure physical distancing is maintained.
- Promote physical distancing by marking the directional flow of people through buildings and areas. Mark seating areas and post visual reminders to observe physical distancing.
- Individuals from the same household may be seated together and should remain in place once they are seated.
- Seating (or designated worship space) must be arranged so that physical distancing can be observed at all times. Consideration must be given to how people enter and exit pews and other seating areas. A minimum of two metres must be maintained between household groups.

- If multiple gatherings are held on a single day, the start and end times must allow those who attend one gathering to exit safely, avoiding contact with those arriving for the next gathering. Time is needed to clean and disinfect common surfaces between services.
- Dismissal of gatherings should be done in a way that supports physical distancing.
- All ancillary events, such as social events, should be postponed for the immediate future.
- Where possible, consider managing parking lot assignments to ensure physical distancing is maintained.

## Guidelines for Hygiene and Cleaning

As part of the return to service, places of worship will be required to enhance cleaning and disinfection practices.

- Review [cleaning and disinfection practices](#).
- Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas, including seating areas, doorknobs, handles, ceremonial objects, elevator buttons, railings and light switches.
- Encourage everyone to practise proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including:
  - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - Using hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly dirty and handwashing isn't available.
  - Using alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN and NPN number).
  - Avoiding touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- Manage access to washrooms in a way to promote physical distancing and increase cleaning and disinfection. Ensure washrooms are always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.
- Place an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or provide handwashing stations near doors and other high-traffic areas.

## Guidelines for Higher-Risk Activities

- All physical contact, such as handshaking or passing objects between individuals, is not permitted. Ushers, greeters or other guest services must maintain physical distancing and avoid contact with worshippers.

- Microphones cannot be shared between individuals due to the difficulty of cleaning and disinfecting these devices. Minimize the number of attendees providing readings or performing other activities that would require the use of a microphone.
- Singing is a high-risk activity because the virus can be transmitted through saliva or respiratory droplets. One documented COVID-19 outbreak resulted in the spread of the virus to 87 per cent of choir attendees from one infected person. Therefore, singing is not recommended at this time.
- Although not recommended, when singing, participants must wear masks.
- The use of woodwind and brass instruments may also increase the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus due to the aerosolized respiratory fluids. As such, they are not recommended at this time.
- Where leaders of services are required to sing, they must increase the distance between the congregation to prevent transmission of respiratory droplets and/or wear a mask.
- Ceremonies or rituals that involve physical contact between individuals, such as the handling of the Torah scroll or baptism, should be modified to maintain physical distancing. Where physical distancing is not possible, participants will be required to mitigate the risk by wearing personal protective equipment and increased hand hygiene.
- The celebration of communion raises specific challenges because of the possibility of inadvertently transmitting the virus. Faith communities centred on a communion ritual must exercise extreme caution if they wish to proceed with offering communion. Denominations or families of churches wishing to offer communion at this time will be required to develop protocols by which the communion can be offered in a way that safeguards the health of the communicants and celebrant. The use of a common cup is not permissible.
- Passing of offering baskets will not be permitted. Alternatives are encouraged, such as online giving options or a depository to accept offerings.
- Objects that cannot be disinfected between uses should not be distributed. If objects cannot be disinfected, the place of worship must determine the means by which they can be discarded after use to prevent contamination, such as paper bulletins or other single-use materials.
- Books and other common-use items should be removed from use, if possible. Projecting materials or distribution of single-use materials can be considered. Books or items that can't be disinfected should be removed and held for 72 hours before being brought back into use.
- Food and beverage service must be suspended at this time.



# Primary and Secondary Educational Institution Guidelines

On June 9, 2020, the Government of Saskatchewan announced that in-classroom learning will resume for the 2020-21 school year. To help school divisions prepare for the return of students and staff, the guidelines below have been developed to inform local planning.



For younger children, maintaining physical distance is less practical and the focus should be on minimizing physical contact instead. The precautionary measures within these guidelines will be implemented to reduce risk, and include standards for cleaning and sanitization along with measures for general operations, facilities, transportation and programming.

To provide provincial-level direction on operational matters resulting from the pandemic, an Education Response Planning Team (RPT) was formed with representation from the Ministry of Education, Saskatchewan School Boards Association, Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents, and Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials. The RPT has developed additional information on operationalizing these guidelines, which will be made available for school division personnel.

As school-aged children return to regular activities, including programming and activities now allowable under the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, these guidelines will help ensure that operators of provincial Prekindergarten to Grade 12 schools can plan for school to resume as previously scheduled this fall. Classes will begin as early as September 1, depending on local school division calendars.

## Guidelines for General Operation

### Hygiene

- Promote proper hand hygiene practices for staff and children. They must include using soap and water when hands are soiled and alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) when visibly clean. Although general use containers need to be available, where possible, students and staff should have their own hand sanitizer. Supervise the use of hand sanitizer with young children.
- Except when in close contact with a sick student, masks and eye protection are not required, beyond those used by staff as part of their regular precautions for hazards normally encountered in the workplace. They should only be used when all other controls have been fully explored.

## Limiting Physical Contact

- For younger children, maintaining physical distance is less practical and the focus should be on minimizing physical contact instead.
- Staff, parents and students must encourage and practise preventative measures, such as limiting physical contact, throughout the school day (i.e. during instruction, recess, nutrition programs, extra-curricular) and avoiding close greetings (i.e. hugs, handshakes).
- Help younger children learn about physical distancing and less physical contact by creating games that include basic principles such as ‘two arms lengths apart’ and avoid close greetings like hugs or handshakes. Encourage physically distant greetings such as ‘air fives’ and waves.
- Plan for reduced physical contact activities and, where possible, avoid activities that require clustering around a particular item or small area.
- Modify procedures for entering the building to support physical distancing. Possible strategies include staggered entry into classes and schools, separate group entrances, limiting pickups and drop-offs to one parent/guardian, etc.
- Stagger recess/snack, lunch and class transition times to provide a greater amount of space for everyone.
- Children from the same household (e.g. siblings) do not need to maintain physical distance from each other.
- Wherever possible, physical distancing should be maintained, even within the same group. Consider modifying room configurations (e.g. separating tables) to promote physical distancing.
- Incorporate more individual activities or activities that encourage more space between students and staff. Activities that require physical contact should be avoided.
- Groups of students and the staff members assigned to them should stay together throughout the day and not mix with other groups. Staff should remain with the same group whenever possible. Strive to minimize the number of different teachers and educational assistants that interact with groups of students throughout the day.
- Modifications may be needed for all shared spaces, including boot rooms, hallways, waiting areas, etc. Thought can be given to establishing visual cues and direction flow plans.
- Specific responses for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten environments will be developed by school divisions, taking into account the unique nature of the learning programs and student development.
- Where possible, school division administrators and staff should use telephone or video conferencing to meet with staff and parents.

## Limiting Shared Materials and Equipment

- Establish clear protocols for bringing materials (i.e. bags, school supplies) into and out of schools.
- Where possible, remove or reduce play with toys that encourage group play in close proximity or increase the likelihood of physical contact. Keep toys that encourage individual play.
- Students and staff should not share food and drinks and other personal items. Label personal items with the student's name to discourage accidental sharing.
- Strategically limit the number of touch points per day on electronic devices.
- Classroom activities and recess times should not include equipment that might be touched by multiple students. Due to the increased cleaning required, it is best to decrease the number of toys/equipment available to children. Remove toys and other items that cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected.

## Extra-Curricular

- Plans for extra-curricular activities and other gatherings will be developed in consultation with the Chief Medical Health Officer once the group/gathering capacity limits for fall 2020 are known.

## Facilities

- Consider modifying room configurations to promote physical distancing. Where practical, the use of physical barriers (i.e. engineered controls) may be established where distancing cannot be achieved.
- Ensure adequate soap and alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in each building, especially near entrances. Make disinfectant wipes available for wiping down frequently used surfaces.
- Signage may be used to remind parents and guardians not to enter the facility if they are sick. Signs should be posted at school entrances.
- Signs and markings in hallways should be considered to limit cross-exposure.
- Establish a plan to prevent mingling of groups in washrooms, and to minimize the number of shared surfaces.

## Cleaning and Sanitation Guidelines

- Frequent cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent the spread of the disease.
- All disinfectants used must be approved by Health Canada (DIN). All label instructions for disinfectants, including contact time, should be followed.
- A school-wide plan for enhanced cleaning and disinfection should be established using the current provincial guidance. Roles and responsibilities,



staff training where needed, and a maintenance schedule are recommended. Items/objects that cannot be effectively cleaned/disinfected daily or between classes should be removed for the time being.

- Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas.
- Any food contact surfaces, including water fountains/dispensing equipment, must be disinfected with a product safe for food surfaces or immediately rinsed following disinfection.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.
- Sanitation/cleaning procedures will need to be implemented to support multiple users accessing technology.
- Indoor shared spaces and structures that cannot be cleaned and disinfected between groups should not be used.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning blood or body fluids. Wash hands before wearing and after removing gloves. They must be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Beyond this situation, glove use is not required nor recommended.
- Ensure the school is well stocked with handwashing supplies at all times, including soap, paper towels, waste bins and, where appropriate, alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- Store hand sanitizer out of the reach of young children and supervise its use.

## Guidelines for Illness in Care

- Promote proper hand hygiene practices for staff and students. They must include using soap and water when hands are soiled and alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) when visibly clean. Although general use containers need to be available, where possible, students and staff should have their own hand sanitizer. Supervise the use of hand sanitizer with young children.
- Checking temperatures, detailed screening or requiring COVID-19 testing of students and staff are not required or recommended at this time, based on current evidence.
- An illness administrative procedure with precautions specific to COVID-19 will be created by school divisions. Symptoms of illness that are not consistent with COVID-19 should continue to be managed per existing policies.
- Students and staff who are sick should be advised to stay home. Not all symptoms of illness need to be subject to this requirement (i.e. headaches, cramps, etc.). Staff would not be required to enter the school when sick to create plans for substitute teachers.
- All parents, guardians, students and staff who are confirmed to be COVID-19 positive and/or under mandatory self-isolation must not enter the school. Instead, they must stay home and self-isolate. Students and staff can return to school once they are cleared by public health.

- Schools should identify an appropriate isolation area for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms who are not able to immediately leave the facility. If a student develops symptoms at school or upon arrival at school, the student should be isolated from other students and the parent or guardian should be notified to pick up the student immediately. Provision for supervision of the student must be in place.
  - If a separate room is not available, the student needs to be kept at least two metres away from other students and staff.
  - If the student requires close contact and care, staff must wear a procedure/surgical mask and eye protection during all interactions with the sick child, and should try to avoid contact with the student's respiratory secretions.
- Once the student leaves, staff must wash their hands and ensure all areas that the sick student touched are cleaned and disinfected. Items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected should be removed from the area and stored in a sealed container for a minimum of three days.
- All staff must self-monitor for symptoms and use the online Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.
- Except when in close contact with a sick student, masks and eye protection are not required, beyond those used by staff as part of their regular precautions for hazards normally encountered in the workplace. They should only be used when all other controls have been fully explored.

## Nutrition Programs

- Proper hand hygiene must be practised before and after eating.
- School-supplied food should be delivered directly to the classroom. Students should eat lunches in their classrooms.
- No self-serve or family-style meal service. There should be no common food items. Food should be served in individual portions to each child by a designated staff member.
- Utensils should be used to serve food items. Reusable utensils must be cleaned and sanitized after each use.
- Food from home must not be shared with other students and should be stored with the student's belongings.
- Students are not allowed to participate in food preparation.

## Mental Health and Social-Emotional Supports

- Supports for the health and wellness of students and staff will be provided, including helping students understand the importance of preventative measures that are in place and practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette.

- School divisions and school leaders are encouraged to implement trauma-informed practice to support students, staff and families. Trauma-informed practice includes: providing inclusive and compassionate learning environments; understanding coping strategies; supporting independence; and helping to minimize additional stress or trauma by addressing individual student needs.
- The Ministry of Education will continue to offer supports for mental wellness, including but not limited to:
  - a resource posted on saskatchewan.ca to assist parents and caregivers;
  - working with Kids Help Phone to promote their professional counselling services, which are available 24 hours a day via phone, online chat or text, as well as their database of local community resources;
  - working with SaskTel to prevent and respond to bullying, cyberbullying and promote healthy relationships through the Be Kind Online website, which includes a number of resources and tools;
  - providing a provincial licence for Respect in Schools training for all staff; and,
  - offering grants to school divisions to support mental health and student safety training initiatives.
- Saskatchewan's provincial curricula provide opportunities for students to learn about health, well-being and student safety.

## Students with Intensive Needs

- Students with additional needs may require updated assessments and revised individual goals.
- For personal interactions, conditions must be created to allow for the provision of supports within a safe and secure environment, which may include the school setting or other appropriate spaces.
- All health and safety measures must be in place and communicated with the relevant staff and family prior to the provision of the service.
- All engagements will occur in a supervised setting, which may include the school or other appropriate spaces, and staff will not enter into private residences or provide personal transportation.
- Other methods of providing service or additional precautions may be suggested for those with compromised immune systems, in consultation with a medical professional.
- Consideration will be given to the directions given by the professional governing body of the staff providing the supports.

- It may not be possible to support all students with intensive needs in-person due to health and safety guidelines.

## Transportation

- The following transportation protocols could be considered for implementation:
  - Students should be assigned seats and a record of this seating plan should be kept in order to assist with contact tracing in the case of a student being confirmed with a case of COVID-19. Students who live in the same household should be seated together.
  - Partitions around drivers can be considered.
  - Cleaning and sanitation of buses or other vehicles used to transport students is required between each run. Recreational travel requiring vehicles, such as field trips, is not permitted at this time.
  - Parents will be asked to transport their own children where possible.
  - Encourage pickup and drop-off of students outside of the building, unless there is a need for the parent or guardian to enter the school.
  - If parents or guardians must enter the school, they should maintain physical distancing from staff and other children, and be reminded to practise diligent hand hygiene.



# Graduation Guidelines

The information below provides schools, families and communities with guidelines for conducting safe graduation ceremonies in Saskatchewan.



- Whenever possible, virtual or live-streamed events are recommended instead of in-person events.

Other options can include:

## Drive-In Ceremonies

- Drive-in graduations must ensure the following public health measures are enforced:
  - Anyone who is sick or symptomatic must remain home.
  - Must be held in designated parking lots or staging areas (with owner consent).
  - Multiple ceremonies may be needed depending on the size of the graduating class.
  - Vehicles must be separated by at least five metres.
  - Individuals are required to remain inside or within arm's reach of their vehicles, and are not permitted to move to other vehicles (i.e. not go sit with friends).
  - No objects may be passed between vehicles.
  - Organizers must implement adequate measures to keep people from unnecessarily leaving their vehicles during the event.
  - Vehicle occupants should be limited to members from the same household or extended household contacts.
  - Where washroom access is provided, provisions are made to ensure the facilities are fully stocked for handwashing and there is frequent cleaning and disinfection throughout the event.
  - Appropriate physical distancing is maintained at all times between people who need to leave the vehicle to access the washroom or other facilities.
  - No food and beverage service is permitted.
  - Individuals using other modes of transportation to attend the event (e.g. walking, biking, public transportation) should maintain two metres of physical distancing and join the vehicles with people from the same household or extended household contacts as soon as they arrive. If these individuals are not joining a vehicle, they are limited to

no more than public gathering restrictions allow while observing all physical distancing protocols.

## Outdoor Ceremonies

- Graduating classes are kept to maximum size of 30 graduates while maintaining two metres of physical distancing.
- Extended family members are limited to a maximum of five per graduate.
- Use of outdoor seating (e.g. bleachers) shall be restricted to every second row with two metres of physical distancing between non-extended family members and a maximum of 30 people per grouping.
- To ensure compliance with the outdoor public gathering restrictions – and where seating space allows – multiple groupings of 30 are permitted where spacing between groupings is a minimum of five metres and the total number of people observing the ceremony does not exceed 150 (graduates, school staff and visitors included).
- Use visual cues to support physical distancing.
- Implement one-way traffic flow to promote physical distancing (i.e. enter through one door and exit through another).
- Ceremonies must ensure:
  - Anyone who is sick or symptomatic must remain home.
  - Multiple ceremonies may be needed depending on the size of the graduating class.
  - No objects may be passed between participants.
  - Organizers must implement adequate measures to support physical distancing.
  - Where washroom access is provided, provisions are made to ensure the facilities are fully stocked for handwashing and there is frequent cleaning and disinfection throughout the event.
  - No food and beverage service is permitted.

As the province progresses through the phases of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, the approach to graduations may evolve.

If a graduation event is held, it must comply with the requirements in the public health order.

Further questions can be directed to local public health officials to ensure the event does not risk transmission of COVID-19.



## Drive-In Theatre Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of drive-in theatres.



Drive-in theatres must meet the following conditions:

- Physical distancing should be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres between individuals when outside of vehicles.
- Vehicles must be separated by a minimum of five metres.
- Only individuals from the same household may occupy the same vehicle.
- If customers are required to have contact with any equipment (e.g. speaker), the equipment must be cleaned and disinfected after each use. Please refer to the [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines](#).
- Where possible, payments should be accepted through contactless methods (e.g. tap or e-transfer).
- Access to washroom facilities must be limited.
  - Where washroom access is provided, frequent cleaning and disinfection must take place throughout the movie.
  - Physical distancing of two metres must be maintained for those waiting for washroom facilities.
- Food/concession services are limited to contactless pickup or delivery only and must ensure physical distancing.
  - While waiting for food pickup, physical distancing must be observed.
  - Provide soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) for customers and staff to use.
  - All common touch items should be removed from service, such as removing bottles/pumps. Self-contained condiment packets should be distributed by staff.
- All other services and common areas must be suspended, including picnic areas and play areas.
- Employees must have access to soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) for hand hygiene and appropriate cleaners and disinfectants per [COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfection of Public Facilities guidelines](#).
- Employees are required to stay home if they are sick or symptomatic.
- Patrons should be reminded that anyone who is feeling sick or symptomatic must remain at home.



## Workplace Food and Accommodations (including Work Camps) Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of workplaces offering food and accommodation services.



- In businesses where meals are provided to employees, meal service in common eating areas should occur in rotations to minimize the number of people in the room. Physical distancing must be practised at all times. Food services staff should serve all food, and common touch items should be removed.
- Lunchrooms and break rooms must be arranged to follow physical distancing practices. Consider staggered lunch and break times to reduce the number of employees gathering.
- Where workplaces provide accommodations, such as work camps, shared facilities (e.g. workout facilities, common rooms and game rooms) must be closed.
- Businesses should increase the cleaning and disinfecting of essential shared facilities, such as telephones, computers, washrooms and laundry rooms.

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# Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of restaurants and taverns.



Restaurants, bars/nightclubs, lounges, food courts, cafeterias, cafés, bistros and similar facilities re-opened in Phase 3 at up to 50 per cent of regular seating capacity. Effective July 6, these facilities are permitted to maintain an occupancy level that allows staff and customers to maintain appropriate physical distancing. These guidelines apply to indoor and outdoor seating areas. In addition to these guidelines, all other applicable provincial regulations and standards must be followed.

## Guidelines for General Operation

- Maintain an occupancy level that allows staff and customers to maintain two metres of physical distance, except for brief exchanges.
- Operators should put into place a plan to accommodate patio patrons in the event of inclement weather to ensure physical distancing is maintained.
- Physical barriers should be installed where tables cannot be adequately separated. For example, raised barriers should be installed between adjoining booths.
- Only members of the same dining party should be seated together. A maximum of six people can be seated together at the same table. Larger groups will have to occupy more than one table, while maintaining physical distancing between tables.
- Aisles must be wide enough to allow room for people to maintain physical distancing. Consider using one-way traffic flow to help maintain distancing.
- Operators must promote physical distancing wherever possible – for customers and staff – including waiting areas, bar seating, food pickup areas, washrooms and payment lines.
- Use physical line controls when possible, such as crowd control cordons at entrances and pickup lines. Place markers (e.g. tape or cones) every two metres as visible cues to support physical distancing.
- Consider modifying or eliminating in-person meetings and shift huddles.
- Consider having customers seat themselves by displaying table numbers. The host/hostess should maintain two metres of separation or stand behind a barrier to assign tables.

- It is not recommended to operate coat checks at this time.
- Dance floors and karaoke are not currently permitted.
- Effective July 6, video lottery terminals (VLTs) are permitted subject to the [Casino and Bingo Hall Guidelines](#). Arcade games (e.g. pinball) must follow the same guidelines.
- Effective July 6, recreation areas, such as dart boards and pool tables, are permitted subject to the [Sports and Activities Guidelines](#).
- Live entertainment, including guest DJs, is not permitted at this time, but the target date for this to begin is July 16. Further guidance will be available.
- Permanent, enclosed DJ booths are permitted, but should not accept written requests and patrons must maintain physical distance from the booths.
- For nightclubs, dance floors or spaces that promote congregation are prohibited.
- Banquet halls and similar facilities are not permitted at this time and will be considered in future phases.

## Guidelines for Employees

Whenever possible, staff must maintain two metres of separation from other staff and customers. However, physical distancing in certain work environments may be difficult, such as kitchens. If staff are unable to maintain two metres away from co-workers, other actions may be necessary, including self-monitoring of personal health, supervision by Infection Prevention and Control or Occupational Health and Safety staff in the workplace or implementing measures such as:

- Staggering activities to limit the number of staff in a confined area during the same period.
- Moving activities to another room whenever possible. For example, separating duties into unused dining areas may be an option for preparation and packaging.
- Altering shift and break times to minimize the number of staff working in close quarters.
- Using markings or dividers in the kitchen to ensure physical distancing.
- Considering directional arrows on the floor in the kitchen to control the flow of traffic, and clearly mark exit and entrance doors from the kitchen to service areas.
- Wearing personal protective equipment.

Proper and frequent hand hygiene by staff is a vital component in preventing the transmission of illnesses. Ensure staff are practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Using hand sanitizer only when appropriate in a food service situation.
- Only using hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- Avoiding touching their faces, mouths, noses and eyes.
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue, then immediately disposing of the tissue and washing hands. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into the elbow – not the hands.
- Servers, hosts and other staff not able to maintain two metres of distance from customers must wear a non-medical mask (e.g. cloth or other materials) or procedure/surgical mask.
- It is recommended that older staff/seniors or those with a weakened immune system wear a procedure/surgical mask.
- Glove use is not required nor recommended. If staff are using gloves, they must be changed after every interaction, as well as when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change. This includes handwashing with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada – (DIN or NPN number).
- All workers, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the self-assessment tool available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).
- It is recommended that facilities review their employee illness policies to ensure staff are able to remain home when ill (as is required). Facilities are encouraged to have plans in place for increased worker absences due to illness or isolation.
- Workplaces should have a workplace illness policy. If policies do not exist or are not in line with COVID-19 recommendations, workplaces should ensure that all sick employees must stay home or be sent home from work.
- If employees go home sick, their work areas and any areas they had contact with must be cleaned and disinfected.

## Cleaning and Sanitation Guidelines

- The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces and objects. Frequent cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent the spread of the disease.
- Maintain a cleaning schedule and ensure staff are adequately assigned and trained for additional cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection duties to help reduce transmission of COVID-19.
- Place an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or soap and water handwashing stations near doors, pay stations, washrooms and other high-touch locations for customers.

- Customers should be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands prior to and following eating.
- Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas, including doorknobs, handles, counters, chairs, payment machine terminals and/or self-pay stations, and light switches. Common touch areas include those accessed by customers and employees.
- Ensure the disinfectant used in the facility is adequate for the elimination of viruses and approved by Health Canada (DIN).
- Thoroughly clean and sanitize tables after each customer. Tablecloths must be removed and discarded or laundered between customers. Any food contact surfaces must be sanitized as per the Provincial Public Eating Establishment Standards (100 ppm bleach, 200 ppm QUAT) or immediately rinsed following disinfection.
- Remove common touch items from tables, including condiments, salt, pepper, napkin holders, menus and special displays/decor.
- Menus must be cleaned and disinfected between each customer. If menus cannot be cleaned and sanitized (e.g. paper menus), they must be discarded after use. Where possible, consider using alternative menus instead of traditional menus, such as digital menu boards, online menus, large chalkboards or online pre-ordering.
- Ensure employee and public washrooms are cleaned and disinfected with increased frequency, are always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available. Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.

## Food and Beverage Service Guidelines

- Consider call ahead or reservations only to help manage numbers. Rearrange waiting areas to ensure physical distancing can be maintained. Post signs indicating waiting protocols and best practices.
- Provide clear signage and markings for take-out vs. dine-in services.
- Use markings or one-way traffic flow within the restaurant, where possible.
- Develop measures for servers to limit contact with customers, including:
  - Having guests pour their own beverages (e.g. providing water, coffee or other beverages at the table) or have staff pre-pour beverages before delivering them to the table;
  - Removing one chair per table and use that space as a designated place for the server to stand at the table, similar to the open end of a booth;
  - Leaving food and drinks at the front of the table;
  - Avoiding touching cups and glasses for refills; and

- Providing packaging for customers to pack their own unfinished food items.
- Monitor the number of customers entering and exiting the establishment. Once the maximum number is reached, allow one person to enter for every person who leaves.
- Buffets and self-serve food lines remain closed at this time. Do not provide open self-serve food to customers (including refill stations, condiment stations, etc.). Pre-packaged foods are acceptable, but must be handled by employees only.
- Self-serve beverages are permitted with increased cleaning, disinfection and supervision. Refills are not permitted at this time.
- Cafeteria-style food facilities, where staff serve to customers, are allowed. Food must be protected from customer contact and cross-contamination.
- If a bar or food preparation area is open to seating, seating areas or any public area, utensils, garnishes, glassware, etc. must be two metres away from members of the public or protected from cross-contamination.
- Customers can sit at bar areas, as long as physical distancing is maintained between groups and between individual customers. Staff should maintain physical distancing whenever possible and wear a non-medical mask (e.g. cloth or other materials) or surgical/procedure mask when that is not possible. All items behind the bar (e.g. glassware, dishware, garnishes) must be protected from exposure to customers and cross-contamination. Physical barriers may be an appropriate measure.
- There should be no movement of customers between bars and eating areas.
- Where possible, continue to offer and encourage online or telephone orders with delivery, drive-thru or pickup services.
- Where possible, use rolled silverware where napkins cover utensils. Do not pre-set tables. Staff should hand out tableware or utensils to customers.
- Provide clean bags for take-out foods. Customers should be encouraged not to use their own containers, reusable bags or boxes for take-out orders.
- Post signs indicating that no customer items (e.g. wallet, purse, jacket) are to be placed on take-out or payment counters.
- Customers who are sick or on self-isolation must not be admitted.

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## Hotels and Motels with Guests Self-Isolating in Rooms Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for hotel/motel operators.



- Regular housekeeping services should not be provided to rooms where individuals are isolating. Advise staff to leave linens, toiletries, cleaning supplies (including garbage bags) and food/meals outside the door. Staff should not enter these rooms.
- Staff should wear disposable gloves and wash their hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) after handling soiled items from rooms (e.g. linens, tableware and garbage bags).
- Clothing and fabric items should be washed and dried in mechanical laundry machines at the hottest settings possible.
- Steam cleaning can be used for areas that may be contaminated, but cannot be laundered (e.g. armchairs).
- In a commercial dishwasher, properly wash and sanitize any reusable glassware or dishes in rooms between guests. Or, consider providing disposable dishes and utensils in rooms.
- If possible, isolate guests in rooms with an independent HVAC unit.
- Guests who are in isolation must not enter common areas of the hotel.
- After guests are done isolating in a room, staff should thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces that may be contaminated, including laundering all clothing and fabric items. [Cleaning and sanitizing information](#) is available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](http://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).
- Hotel management should share the latest travel advisories and isolation recommendations with staff and guests - [travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice](http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice).

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# Medical Professionals Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for medical professionals.



Beginning May 4, 2020, allow access to the following previously restricted medical services: dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, optician services, podiatry, occupational therapy and chiropractic treatment. All medical services providers must continue to take measures as outlined by the Chief Medical Health Officer to promote physical distancing where possible, and where not, use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

## Patient and Client Considerations

- Initial patient and client bookings will need to be limited to maintain necessary public health measures, but may need to be prioritized by urgency.
- Patient and client bookings should be scheduled in a manner that ensures no more patients/clients gather in waiting areas than are allowed under the public and private gathering restrictions, while still ensuring physical distancing.
- If clients must attend with children or other family members, those individuals must be included in the maximum number of people allowed in the area. Should scheduling errors result in more people than are permitted under the public and private gathering restrictions while still ensuring physical distancing, alternate waiting areas should be planned.
- Alternative solutions to waiting in the office should be considered, such as asking people to wait in vehicles and text messaging or calling when appointments are ready.
- At the time of booking or in advance of an appointment, clinic staff should call patients/clients to inform them of the public health measures. Staff should also ask if patients/clients have been experiencing symptoms of illness consistent with COVID-19.
- Seats in waiting areas should be spaced to maintain a minimum physical distance of two metres. Household contacts are not required to separate.
- Visual cues for areas where patients/clients are required to queue should be marked and a directional flow through the facility established.
- Non-essential items should be removed from client waiting areas, including magazines, toys and remote controls.
- Staff should screen all patients/clients for visible symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Anyone who is symptomatic should be asked to wear a surgical/procedure mask. Note: Medical professionals may determine if appointments for

symptomatic clients should be cancelled.

- Common areas and other high-touch surfaces and objects should be cleaned and disinfected after each use, including reception counters, seating areas (including clinic room seats), doors, handrails and objects or machines used in therapies.
- All medical and health professionals must practise effective hand hygiene after each client - washing their hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- Employers should carefully consider the appropriate use of personal protective equipment for staff and patients/clients. [Guidelines for personal protective equipment](#) are available.
- Carefully consider any COVID-19 safe return-to-work recommendations provided by professional associations or regulatory bodies.

## Cleaning and Disinfecting

- The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces and objects. Frequent cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent spread of the disease.
- Workplaces should implement enhanced environmental cleaning. Commonly touched areas and shared equipment should be cleaned and disinfected at least twice daily or whenever visibly soiled.
- Wherever possible, discourage workers from sharing phones, desks, offices and other tools and equipment.
- Commonly touched areas include light switches, door handles, toilets, taps, hand rails, counter tops, touch screens/mobile devices and keyboards.
- Clothing and fabric items should be laundered and dried on the highest temperature setting possible. Ensure items are thoroughly dried.
- [Cleaning and sanitizing information](#) is available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).
- Hand sanitizers must be approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) to ensure they are effective.

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# Grocery Store Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of grocery stores.



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and people are increasingly concerned about personal protection, it is essential for retail food and grocery stores to ensure safe and reliable access to food, supplies and other provisions – and to take measures aimed at preventing further transmission of the virus. Below are some key steps for the sector to implement during the pandemic.

While food retailers are considered essential and allowed to remain open under the public health order, precautions should be taken to protect the health of workers, customers and the general public.

## Recommendation for Store Operations

Enhance the store's sanitation plan and schedule. Check that the disinfectant used in the store is appropriate for the elimination of viruses. Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas, including door handles, cooler and freezer handles, till conveyances, keyboards, scales, bathroom surfaces, countertops, PIN pads, self-pay stations, hand baskets and light switches. Common touch surfaces include those in areas accessed by customers and employees.

Ensure staff are practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Using hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly dirty and handwashing isn't available.
- Only using hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- Avoiding touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue, then immediately dispose of the tissue and wash hands. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
- Ensuring employee and public washrooms are always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available. Garbage bins should be emptied frequently. Antibacterial soap is not recommended and has no additional benefit in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Providing clean carry-out bags for purchased food and grocery products. Customers should be encouraged not to use their own containers, reusable

bags or boxes.

- Posting signs indicating that no customer packaging is to be used or placed on checkout counters.
- Not selling bulk items, except via gravity feed bins, or where staff dispense the bulk items. If used, gravity feed bins should be supervised and wiped down between uses.
- Placing alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or soap and water handwashing stations near doors, pay stations and other high-touch locations for customers and staff. Make wipes and trash bins available for wiping down shopping carts and disposing of the wipes.

Promote physical distancing of customers:

- Use physical line controls, such as crowd control cordons at entrances and checkout lines. Place markers (e.g. tape or cones) every two metres as visible cues to support physical distancing.
- Implement one-way aisles to promote physical distancing and communicate the information through signage and announcements.
- Make announcements at regular intervals over the store speaker reminding customers to stay two metres away from each other.
- Post clear signs in multiple locations indicating the maximum number of customers and staff the store can accommodate at one time.
- Consider monitoring the number of customers and staff entering and leaving the store. Once the maximum number is reached, allow one person to enter for every one person who exits.
- Offer online or telephone orders with delivery or pickup services as alternatives to in-person shopping.
- Glove use is not required. If staff are using gloves, they should be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change (hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water).
- Ask customers who arrive with cold, influenza or COVID-19-like symptoms (fever, cough or breathing issues) to return home and use a delivery service instead.
- All workers, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the self-assessment tool available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).

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## Public and Farmers Market Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of public markets and farmers markets.



It is essential for operators of public markets and farmers markets to modify their practices and take measures to protect their customers and vendors from contracting COVID-19.

Similar to other businesses where food is purchased, market operators must take measures to ensure physical distancing and restrictions on activities, as well as comply with the public health order and follow the applicable guidelines in this plan. Preventative measures include:

- Limiting the number of people present in an area to ensure safe physical distancing (minimum space of two metres) can be maintained.
- Providing facilities for people to wash their hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- Increasing cleaning and disinfection in all areas, particularly those with common touch points.

Market operators must ensure all measures are in place and followed at all times. Please note municipalities are responsible for issuing business licences and may impose further restrictions.

### Physical Distancing

- Limit entry to the market to allow for physical distancing of two metres between individuals and family groups. Cordon off areas to control access.
- Minimize the number of entrances and exits to control the number of customers. A single entrance and exit may be the best way to manage the number of customers, but this must comply with all other code requirements (e.g. fire code).
- Manage lineups into the market to meet physical distancing requirements of two metres between individuals. Direct traffic flow through the market using chalk or tape markings on the ground, ropes, barriers or other markers as required. Where possible, implement one-direction traffic flow to promote physical distancing.
- Vendors must set up with adequate distance between booths to ensure physical distancing can be maintained.

- Manage physical distancing for food vendors providing take-away service (e.g. when ordering and picking up food). Whenever possible, place take-out food vendors in one area of the market to minimize traffic volume.
- Common seating areas should be removed or barricaded to prevent their use.
- Create an environment where customers and vendors can practise safe physical distancing of at least two metres. Provide signage at entrances, exits and throughout the market reminding vendors and customers of distancing requirements.

### **Restricted Activities, Enhanced Hygiene and Additional Measures**

Markets may only sell take-away food (fresh, frozen and prepared foods) from food carts and food trucks, as well as pre-packaged liquor. Vendors must be considered essential services or an allowable business. The [list of essential services and allowable businesses](#) is available on [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19). All vendors and products must meet existing Saskatchewan legislation and regulations.

Vendors are allowed to sell permitted foods as per the provincial guidelines. In addition:

- Liquor is only allowed in sealed retail containers (e.g. bottles, cans).
- Only take-away meals can be provided from food carts and food trucks.
- Edible plants and seedlings are permitted for sale.
- No self-serve bulk foods are permitted.

Handling of foods:

- Vendors are encouraged to pre-package prepared foods to minimize direct contact by customers.
- Prepared foods (e.g. breads, muffins) that are not pre-packaged at the time of sale must be stored away from customers. The product can be packaged at time of sale.
- Customers must not use or provide their own containers, including reusable cups, containers and bags.
- Vendors must dispense all food products.

Additional requirements and restrictions:

- Vendors must discontinue all food sampling, including by-the-glass sales of wine and other alcohols.
- Markets must cancel activities that promote gatherings, such as demonstrations, live musicians, children's programming, etc.
- Vendors selling ready-to-eat foods must package them into take-away containers or brown bags. They must also post signs advising customers they are not allowed to eat foods in the markets, as per physical distancing requirements.

- Markets and vendors must increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces within the market. Please refer to the [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines](#).
- Members of the public who are sick or symptomatic should not visit the market.
- Customers who arrive with cold, influenza or COVID-19-like symptoms (fever, cough or breathing issues) should be asked to return home.
- Vendors who are sick or symptomatic should not be allowed to vend at the market while they are ill.
- All vendors, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the self-assessment tool available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19). If they develop symptoms, they should leave the market immediately.
- Establish pickup locations for online orders (e.g. drive-thru pickup).
- Where possible, create cashless payment systems through online orders and point-of-sale devices in vendor booths.
- If washroom facilities are provided, they must be cleaned and disinfected frequently throughout the duration of the market and be set up to promote physical distancing. They must be fully stocked with soap, water and paper towels. Portable toilets may be stocked with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).



# Clothing and Retail Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of clothing and retail stores.



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and people are increasingly concerned about personal protection, it is essential for retail stores to ensure safe and reliable access to retail goods – and to take measures aimed at preventing further transmission of the virus. This document outlines key steps for the sector to implement during the pandemic.

The guidance listed below is targeted at all retail operators outside of grocery stores.

## Recommendations for Store Operations

Enhance the store's sanitation plan and schedule. Check that the disinfectant used in the store is appropriate for elimination of viruses. Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas, including doorknobs, handles, display racks, checkout areas, change rooms, keyboards, bathroom surfaces, counters, PIN pads and/or self-pay stations, hand baskets/shopping carts and light switches. Common touch areas include those accessed by customers and employees.

Ensure staff are practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Using hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly dirty and handwashing isn't available.
- Only using hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- Avoiding touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue, then immediately dispose of the tissue and wash hands. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.

Ensure employee and public washrooms are always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available. Garbage bins should be emptied frequently. Antibacterial soap is not recommended and has no additional benefit in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Provide clean carry-out bags for purchased goods. Customers should be encouraged not to use their own containers, reusable bags or boxes.

Post signs indicating that no customer packaging is to be used or placed on checkout counters.

If bulk sales areas are being used (i.e. small accessories), ensure areas are cleaned and disinfected between uses or have staff dispense the items.

If the retail operations include rentals, enhanced cleaning and disinfection must occur between all rentals.

Customers should be encouraged to minimize touching merchandise. Post signs requesting them to only touch items they intend to buy.

Change rooms can be used at 100 per cent occupancy. However, they must be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

Discourage the exchange or return of goods. If goods are returned:

- When possible, clean and disinfect all surfaces of the merchandise; or
- If items cannot be cleaned and disinfected, isolate goods in a separate bin (labelled with return date) for at least 72 hours before being returned to store shelves. Employees must wash their hands after handling.

For thrift stores and other businesses selling second-hand goods, where possible, launder donated/used items and dry on the hottest setting possible. For items that cannot be laundered, clean and disinfect all surfaces or isolate items in a separate bin for at least 72 hours before placing on store shelves/racks. Employees must wash their hands after handling.

Where items are kept behind counters and provided to customers to try on and handle, such as jewelry and electronics, customers should clean their hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) prior to handling the items. They should also avoid placing the items on or near their faces.

Place an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or soap and water handwashing stations near doors, pay stations, change rooms and other high-touch locations for customers and staff. Make wipes and trash bins available for wiping down shopping carts and disposing of the wipes.

Promote physical distancing of staff and customers:

- Use physical line controls, such as crowd control cordons at entrances and checkout lines. Place markers (e.g. tape or cones) every two metres as visible cues to support physical distancing.
- Make announcements at regular intervals over the store speaker reminding customers to stay two metres apart.
- Post clear signs in multiple locations that indicate the maximum number of

customers and staff allowed in the store at one time.

- Consider monitoring the number of customers and staff entering and exiting the store. Once the maximum number of persons is reached, allow one person to enter for every one person who leaves.

Offer and encourage online or telephone orders with delivery or pick-up services as alternatives to in-person shopping.

Glove use is not required. If staff are using gloves, they should be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change (hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water).

Ask customers who arrive with cold, influenza or COVID-19-like symptoms (fever, cough or breathing issues) to return home and use a delivery service instead.

All workers, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the self-assessment tool available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).

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# Personal Care Services Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for personal care services.



Facilities must continue to be in compliance with all applicable provincial regulations and standard work requirements, including those outlined in the Personal Service Facility Best Management Practice (PSFBMP) document. This guidance is for all personal services mentioned in Re-Open Saskatchewan.

## General Information

Certain personal care services may need to be altered or postponed to maintain two-metre physical distancing between clients. However, some employees will not be able to maintain this separation during the provision of service. Therefore, measures such as correct personal protective equipment (PPE) and self-monitoring shall be applied.

Clients should attend appointments alone and not bring along friends or children.

Clients should arrive no more than five minutes before the expected appointments, and any waiting area should be set up so clients are at least two metres apart. Remove unnecessary communal items, such as candy, magazines and complimentary phone chargers. Waiting chairs must be cleaned and disinfected after each client.

In order to accommodate physical distancing, appointment times may need to be staggered. During appointments and services, clients should be seated at least two metres from each other.

Alternative solutions to waiting in the office should be considered, such as asking people to wait in vehicles and text messaging or calling when appointments are ready.

During transactions, if possible, limit the exchange of papers such as receipts. Where possible, payments should be accepted through contactless methods (e.g. tap or e-transfer).

Beverages (coffee, tea, water) should not be offered at this time. If necessary, they can be provided in a disposable cup.

Handwashing stations and/or approved hand sanitizers should be available, and clients should be encouraged to use them upon entering and exiting. They should also be available at each station. Hand sanitizers must be approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).

Staffrooms and break rooms should be arranged to follow physical distancing practices. Consider staggered break times to reduce employee gathering numbers.

Essential shared facilities, such as telephones, computers, washrooms and laundry rooms, must receive increased cleaning and disinfection. Shared spaces used by multiple clients must be cleaned and disinfected between clients.

Retail space should be modified to implement physical distancing requirements. This may include direction for customers on distancing in lines, limiting the number of patrons in the store, etc. Where possible, discourage browsing of retail products and support online or telephone purchases with front of store pickup and strict no return policies. Remove samples and testers.

When booking appointments, clients should be reminded to reschedule if they become sick or are placed on self-isolation. Clients should be screened prior to sitting for appointments by asking if they are ill or symptomatic. No services should be performed on ill or symptomatic clients.

Since many facilities have been closed for a prolonged period of time, service providers must ensure that all tools and equipment receive proper maintenance and testing to ensure safe usage, including autoclaves and sterilizers.

## Cleaning and Disinfecting

The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces and objects. Frequent cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent spread of the disease.

Workplaces must implement enhanced environmental cleaning. Commonly touched surfaces and shared equipment must be cleaned and disinfected after contact between individuals, even when not visibly soiled. This includes tanning beds, foot tubs, client chairs, mirror handles and wash sink chairs.

Commonly touched surfaces by employees must also be cleaned and disinfected regularly. Wherever possible, each employee should use their own products. If product bottles are shared, they must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.

Towels or any other items contacting a client must be discarded or properly laundered between each use.

Clothing and fabric items should be laundered and dried on the highest temperature setting possible. Ensure items are thoroughly dried.

[Cleaning and sanitizing information](#) is available.

All label instructions for disinfectants, including contact time, should be followed.

Workplaces should provide employees with resources such as tissues, no-touch trash receptacles, hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers, disinfectants, and disposable towels to promote a safe and hygienic work environment.

Hand sanitizers must be approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).

## Personal Protective Equipment

Employees working in close contact with clients must wear a non-medical mask (e.g. cloth or other materials) or procedure/surgical mask, eye protection and an apron to protect clothes. It is recommended that older staff/seniors or those with a weakened immune system wear a procedure/surgical mask.

Glove use is not required (unless needed for specific services per the PSFBMP). If staff are using gloves, they should be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change – hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water.

Workplaces should have protocols for donning and doffing PPE, as well as instructions for proper disposal of it. [More information on PPE](#) is available.

All workers, especially those in contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the self-assessment tool available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).

Where available, Infection Prevention and Control or Occupational Health and Safety staff in the workplace can assist in monitoring employee symptoms and provide advice in line with the public health order.

Workplaces are encouraged to have plans in place for increased worker absences due to illness or isolation. It is recommended that facilities review their employee illness policies to ensure staff are able to remain home when sick (as is required). If policies do not exist or are not in line with COVID-19 recommendations, workplaces should ensure the following:

- Sick employees must stay home or be sent home from work if symptoms present.
- Sick employees housed in workplace accommodations (i.e. work camps) should be confined to their rooms while ill until cleared for re-entry into the workforce.
- Sick employees should use the Government of Saskatchewan's [online self-assessment tool](#) to help determine if the illness may be COVID-19. The tool provides people with next steps depending on their responses.
- If an employee has gone home sick, their work areas must be cleaned and disinfected.

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# Greenhouse and Landscaping Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of greenhouses and landscaping businesses.



Greenhouse and landscaping retailers can be considered an allowable business under the following mandatory conditions:

1. Operate with delivery or curbside pickup.

AND/OR

2. Comply with the [guidelines for retail operations](#), including:
  - Use physical line controls, such as crowd control cordons at entrances and checkout lines. Place markers (e.g. tape or cones) every two metres as visible cues to support physical distancing.
  - Implement one-way aisles to promote physical distancing and communicate the information through signage and announcements.
  - Post clear signs in multiple locations indicating the maximum number of customers and staff the store can accommodate at one time.
  - Consider monitoring the number of customers and staff entering and leaving the store. Once the maximum number is reached, allow one person to enter for every one person who exits.
  - Offer online or telephone orders with delivery or pickup services as alternatives to in-person shopping.
  - Glove use is not required. If staff are using gloves, they should be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change - wash hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
  - Ask customers who arrive with cold, influenza or COVID-19-like symptoms (fever, cough or breathing issues) to return home and use a delivery service instead.
  - All workers, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the self-assessment tool available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).

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# Gyms and Fitness Facilities Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of gyms and fitness facilities.



## General Information

- Gyms and fitness facilities are included in Phase 3 of Re-Open Saskatchewan under the following condition:
  - Re-opening gyms and fitness facilities promotes physical and mental wellness. Physical distancing must be maintained and stringent cleaning and disinfecting protocols must be established.
- Gyms and fitness centres must only be open when at least one staff member is present. If patrons have uncontrolled access, it is not possible to ensure physical distancing rules are followed or disinfection of equipment is being performed after each use. Twenty-four hour unrestricted access without staff present must be suspended.
- Clients should be screened upon arrival by asking if they are sick or symptomatic. If they answer in the affirmative, they should not be allowed to enter.
- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should go straight home and contact HealthLine 811 for further guidance. If a patron is severely sick (e.g. difficulty breathing, chest pain, etc.), call 911.
- Staff experiencing symptoms of the illness (fever, cough or difficulty breathing) must be sent home. Workplaces should have an employee illness policy to encourage staff who are sick to stay home.
- Whenever possible, use contactless forms of payment and check-in.

## Physical Distancing

- The number of patrons allowed into the facility at one time should be limited to:
  - Ensure there is sufficient space to allow patrons to remain two metres apart;
  - Prevent congregating; and
  - Allow staff time to clean and disinfect equipment and other surfaces frequently.

- Consider using a booking system that allows a limited number of patrons to book and attend a specified time slot. Ensure there is sufficient time between time slots for cleaning and disinfection of the facility and equipment, as well as to reduce crowding (e.g. at check-in counter).
- Limit the number of members in the facility at one time. Only people working out should be in the facility.
- Place markers such as tape or cones every two metres to provide clients with visible queues that encourage physical distancing.
- Signage should be on display throughout the facility reinforcing key messages of physical distancing, wiping equipment and hygiene protocols.
- Consider directing traffic within the facility with one-way flow (where possible) using floor markers/stickers. Clearly mark entrances and exits.
- Physical distancing must be observed at all times. Equipment should be spaced at least two metres apart or barriers should be erected between equipment. If removal of equipment or erection of barriers is not possible, equipment closer than two metres apart should be closed to use.
- Group fitness classes that involve intense aerobic or physical training (e.g. aerobics, Zumba, spin) pose a higher risk of transmission of the virus due to the intense physical exercise and turbulent air flow from the activity. These types of classes can be offered if three metres of physical distancing can be maintained at all times. Class size (including the instructor) must comply with the public gathering restrictions in a space that allows for increased ventilation and air circulation.
- Group fitness classes that involve lower intensity activity (e.g. yoga, pilates) have a lower risk of transmission, as there is less turbulent air flow. These types of classes can be offered if two metres of physical distancing can be maintained at all times. Class size (including the instructor) must comply with the public gathering restrictions in a space that allows for increased ventilation and air circulation.
- Consider creating set groupings of classes by assigning specific times for the same people to participate.
- To ensure people maintain appropriate separation, use tape, markers, paint and signage. When possible, offer these services online or in an outdoor space. If group classes are offered, they should be scheduled to allow staff enough time to disinfect equipment and surfaces between classes.
- Encourage customers to bring their own personal equipment, such as yoga mats, etc.
- Minimize congestion in the facility by managing flow of clients, including the entrance. Consider developing online sign-up systems, with set durations for workouts.

- Operators must promote physical distancing whenever possible and discourage congregating. Clients should be encouraged to conduct their workouts and exit the facility without unnecessary delays.
- Equipment should not be shared or used simultaneously (e.g. working in sets).
- Postpone or cancel events that encourage people to congregate.
- Group facilities and equipment must be closed, including sport courts and other group sport areas, saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms, etc.
- Use of showers and locker rooms is permitted; however, patrons should be encouraged to arrive in their workout clothes.
- Food and beverage services are permitted subject to the [Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).
- Close drinking fountains. Water bottle filling stations are acceptable if appropriately and frequently sanitized.
- Consider developing online fitness participation, where practical, until physical distancing recommendations are suspended.
- Handwashing stations and/or approved hand sanitizers should be available and clients should be encouraged to use them upon entering and exiting. They should also be available throughout the facility. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer must be approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN).
- Essential shared facilities, such as telephones, computers, washrooms and laundry rooms, should receive increased cleaning and disinfection.

## Cleaning and Disinfection

- The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces and objects. Frequent cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent spreading the disease.
- Workplaces should implement enhanced environmental cleaning.
- Commonly touched surfaces and shared equipment should be cleaned and disinfected after contact between individuals, even when not visibly soiled. This includes fitness equipment and machines, door handles, etc.
- Consider displaying a disinfected sign on equipment so customers can be confident it's ready for use.
- Disinfectants for clients should be conveniently located. Patrons and employees should be required to wipe down the equipment before and after use. Discontinue the use of re-usable towels and cloths.
- Ensure the disinfectant used in the facility is adequate for the elimination of viruses.



- Workplaces should provide employees with resources such as tissues, no-touch trash receptacles, hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers, disinfectants and disposable towels to promote a safe and hygienic work environment.
- Provide adequate bins for the safe disposal of paper towels that have been used for cleaning and personal use. The bins should be lined with plastic bags, which are tied and disposed of regularly according to local refuse storage and collection requirements.
- [Cleaning and sanitizing information for public facilities and workplaces](#) is available.

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Personal Training is permitted, with two metres of physical distancing being observed whenever possible. If the trainer cannot maintain physical distancing, a non-medical mask (e.g. cloth or other materials) or surgical/procedure mask should be worn.
- It is recommended that older staff/seniors or those with a weakened immune system wear a procedure/surgical mask.
- [Additional information on the appropriate use of PPE](#) that can be used to mitigate transmission is available.
- All workers, especially those in contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptom, stay home if sick, and use the self-assessment tool available at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).
- Infection Prevention and Control or Occupational Health and Safety staff in the workplace, where available, can assist in monitoring employee symptoms and provide advice in line with the provincial public health order.
- Workplaces are encouraged to have plans in place for increased worker absences due to illness or isolation.
- Workplaces should have a workplace illness policy. If policies do not exist or are not in line with COVID-19 recommendations, workplaces should ensure the following:
  - Sick employees should stay home or are sent home from work if symptoms present.
  - Sick employees should use the Government of Saskatchewan's [online self-assessment tool](#) to help determine if the illness may be COVID-19. The tool provides people with next steps depending on their responses.
  - If an employee has gone home sick, their work areas should be cleaned and disinfected.

## Employees

- Employees are required to practise physical distancing at work. Avoid handshakes and any other physical contact with others. Remain two metres apart from others whenever possible.
- Employees who have a fever or feel unwell should be instructed to stay home.
- Employees should wash their hands upon arrival at work and frequently throughout the day. They should wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly dirty and handwashing isn't available.
- Only use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue, then immediately dispose of the tissue and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
- If physical distancing cannot be maintained on the job (e.g. personal training and those assisting members with exercise), employees should wear a surgical/procedure mask.

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# Golf Course Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for golf courses, which can begin operation on May 15, 2020.



- Expand cleaning and disinfection of common/high-touch surfaces in accordance with the public health order.
- Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres between individuals.
- Employees must have access to gloves and sanitizing wipes, and are required to stay home if they are unwell or symptomatic.
- Signage must be posted to caution players about the risks of COVID-19.
- Players exhibiting signs of illness will not be permitted to play.
- All players must have a tee time, no walk-on players will be permitted.
- A maximum of four players per group is permitted.
- Tee times must be a minimum of 10 minutes apart to avoid congestion on the course.
- Flags must remain in place and measures must be taken to prevent the ball from dropping in the hole, eliminating the need for players to contact the pin or cup. This may include such measures as levelling the cup, elevating the cup or installing a touch-free ball removal mechanism.
- All rakes and ball washers must be removed from the course.
- Washrooms may be open, but increased cleaning and disinfection must take place. Handwashing facilities (soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada) must be provided.
- Driving ranges and practice putting/chipping greens can open if physical distancing (minimum of two metres) is maintained. Range balls must be cleaned and disinfected between customers. For the practice putting/chipping greens, flags must remain in place and measures must be taken to prevent the ball from dropping in the hole. This may include such measures as levelling the cup, elevating the cup or installing a touch-free ball removal mechanism.
- Walking is encouraged.
- Rental golf carts (motorized or pull carts) must be extensively cleaned and disinfected after each rental.
- Golf club rentals are permitted, but must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each rental.
- Remove bulk scorecard, pencil and tee holders from starter areas.
- Pro shops and retail sales must follow the [Clothing and Retail Guidelines](#).

- Washrooms at the clubhouse and on the course must be cleaned and disinfected regularly, with only one individual allowed at a time.
- Food and beverage services are subject to the [Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).
- Beverage carts are permitted.
- Locker rooms are permitted with increased cleaning and disinfection. However, players can still be encouraged to change their footwear in the parking lot.
- Tournaments and shotgun starts are prohibited. League play and lessons may occur if all other criteria are met, including the requirement to maintain physical distancing.

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# Sports and Activities Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). Operators of sports and recreation facilities (multiplexes, gymnasiums, courts, rinks, training facilities, indoor playgrounds, etc.) in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides guidelines for sports and activities.



## GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

Outdoor sports and recreational activities for children and adults resumed on June 22. Indoor sports and recreational activities may resume on July 6. Operators must implement measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

COVID-19 droplet transmission is much more likely when individuals are in close contact. The likelihood of transmission between individuals participating in sport, physical activity and recreation in an indoor setting is significantly higher. Transmission is less likely in an outdoor setting, where air flow is greater and there is more space for individuals to keep physically distanced.

COVID-19 can also be transmitted if someone touches a contaminated surface and then touches their face without washing their hands. Many activities involve shared equipment among participants, coaches/staff, instructors, officials or volunteers (e.g. shared baseballs, basketballs, volleyballs). The virus does not enter the body through skin; it enters through the eyes, nose or mouth when an individual touches their face. This is why regular hand hygiene and cleaning of high-touch surfaces are so important.

Each sports organization and/or facility must establish a plan for how to minimize physical contact and the risk of COVID-19 transmission between participants. The guidance should align with provincial and national sporting bodies for each activity and be at least as restrictive as provincial guidelines. This guidance is not intended to apply to professional sports teams with COVID-19 response plans.

## Guidelines for General Operation

- Designate one or more people to be responsible for ensuring compliance with these guidelines. This should not be someone engaged in other critical duties (e.g. referee, cashier).
- Contactless fundraising activities are permitted.
- Staff and participants should be given information on physical distancing and other requirements prior to attending. Staff should discourage gathering.

- Signage must be posted to caution patrons about the risks of COVID-19.
- Encourage participants to arrive no more than five to 10 minutes before the scheduled activity to reduce people gathering in groups.
- Wherever possible, activities should be relocated to outdoor settings.
- Facility ventilation systems should be operational and appropriate for the activities being practiced in them.
- Facilities may need to consider:
  - Increasing air circulation and ventilation, while preventing turbulent air flow.
  - Providing natural ventilation by opening windows and doors, wherever possible, to increase air flow.
- Remove unnecessary common items, such as magazines, brochures, etc.
- Encourage patrons to limit their time spent in the facility, as well as maintain physical distancing when returning to their vehicles or homes.
- Registration processes should be completed online whenever possible; however, if in-person registration is required, physical distancing and sanitizing pens between uses is required.
- Indoor play spaces are permitted; however, increased cleaning and disinfection are required. Operators must put measures in place to ensure physical distancing of non-household members and provide access to handwashing facilities or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number). Encourage operators to post signage.
- Food and beverage services are subject to the [Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).
- Drinking fountains must be closed. Water bottle filling stations are acceptable if appropriately and frequently sanitized.
- Contactless payment is preferred; however, cash may be accepted where necessary.
- Instruction is permitted with no contact and appropriate physical distancing. If physical distancing cannot be maintained or is unpredictable, a mask should be worn by the instructor.
- Parents and other spectators must not total more than the maximum gathering limits per the public health order per team at each game/activity, and must ensure physical distancing between non-household members.
- Request minimal spectators attend events. Discourage gatherings.
- Spectators must maintain distancing of at least two metres from other members of the public.
- Spectators (excluding parents and guardians where necessary for player support) should be kept out of participant spaces (e.g. fields of play, courts).

## Competition and Game Play

- If physical distancing is possible, certain individual and group organized sports, physical activities and recreation activities may proceed as normal (programming, training, practice and competition) while following the guidelines for general operations, cleaning and disinfection, etc. Tournaments and interprovincial competition are not permitted.
- For sports or activities where participants are unable to adhere to physical distancing, groupings (mini-leagues) should be formed. Mini-leagues can be comprised of multiple teams, but no more than 50 individuals.
  - Mini-leagues allow sports teams to return to a safe level of play, and will help mitigate the risk of widespread transmission by limiting the number of athletes that come in close contact with each other.
- The 50-person maximum per mini-league includes coaches/staff, instructors, participants from multiple teams, officials and volunteers who cannot maintain two metres of distancing from others at all times. Spectators, including parents, who are not part of a previously listed category, and others who can ensure physical distancing are not included in the 50-person total.
- No single group on the field, court, ice surface, etc. shall exceed the gathering limits in the public health order. Teams need to be separated while on the sidelines, and players cannot exceed gathering limits during games, practices or training.
- Mini-leagues must be comprised of individuals within the same neighbourhood, community or local geographical region (e.g. within a rural municipality, town, quadrant of a city or nearest community).
- Mini-leagues should remain together until restrictions are further relaxed.
- Game play can resume between teams in a mini-league and must be limited to teams within the same mini-league.
- Teams in different mini-leagues should not play each other.
- At least two metres distancing should be maintained between all individuals, except members of the same household, when off the field of play (e.g. on benches, during intermission).
- Contact must be minimized whenever possible.
- Tournaments and interprovincial travel are not permitted.
- If physical distancing cannot be maintained or is unpredictable, a mask should be worn by those not participating in the activity (i.e. coaches, volunteers, etc.).

## Participant Health and Illness

- Patrons/staff who are sick or symptomatic must not enter/participate. Participants, spectators and volunteers should use the Government of

Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions.

- Players whose activities involve being within two metres of other players should self-monitor.
- Organizers must keep a record of attendees. All players, spectators, staff and volunteers must sign in on arrival with name and phone number and/or email to facilitate contact tracing, if necessary, and keep attendance records for a minimum of one month. Where possible, do not use a common pen. Providing this information is voluntary for attendees and can only be used for the purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing.
- If a person becomes sick, they should immediately stop participating and return home.
- If a person becomes sick or injured, and first aid or further care is required:
  - Try to limit the number of individuals in contact with the sick person.
  - Place a mask over the individual's mouth and nose if they are not able to do so. Maintain a safe distance until the mask is in place.
- First aid providers caring for people should follow standard precautions. Those who provide direct care requiring close or direct contact should wear a mask.
- Following care, first aid providers should discard the mask and gloves following standard procedures and perform hand hygiene.

## Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres of space between individuals.
  - Players on the same team grouping may be within two metres during play/drills. Intentional contact should be minimized where possible.
- Areas of congregation (e.g. team benches, bleachers) must be set up and used in a way that adheres to physical distancing requirements (i.e. only allow every other row in bleachers, use visual cues, etc.).
- Pylons or other markers should define the group space.
- Schedules should be staggered and the duration of the activity should be specified to promote physical distancing and allow for adequate cleaning and disinfection between uses.
- Wherever possible, promote physical distancing by:
  - Promoting one-way traffic flow to avoid individuals from inadvertently interacting.
  - Placing stickers or signage on the wall/floor every two metres.
  - Limiting lane use on indoor tracks to every other lane to promote physical distancing.
  - Spacing seats or assigning seating at two-metre distances.



- Reducing capacity in each room, venue, court or ice surface in the facility.
- Common area chairs and tables should be stacked, roped off or removed from the area to promote distancing.
- Consider physical barriers (e.g. Plexiglas) at patron contact points.
- Staff should wear masks when they are not separated by a physical barrier or two metres from participants. Other personal protective equipment may be appropriate depending on the task being performed (e.g. first aid or resuscitation).
- When facility staff are transferring a participant with a disability in and out of equipment, or assisting caregivers with an activity, the staff member and the participant should wear masks whenever two metres cannot be maintained.

## Cleaning, Disinfection and Hand Hygiene

- [Cleaning and disinfection information](#) for public facilities and workplaces is available.
- Increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces and shared equipment, such as vending machines, water fountain handles, doorknobs, handrails, light switches, countertops, tables, equipment handles and consoles.
- All frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected prior to a new group being provided access to field space, including benches, dugouts, bleachers, railings, picnic areas, gates, etc.
- Increase the frequency of cleaning gymnasium floors to reduce the risk of transmission from shared objects (e.g. balls) and those who use wheelchairs.
- Encourage participants to bring their own equipment to the facility.
- Participant-owned equipment, including sport gloves, should be visibly clean.
- Shared equipment (e.g. tennis balls, basketballs, bats, etc.) must be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- Participants should clean their hands before and after using shared equipment (e.g. climbing and gymnastics equipment).
- Where rental equipment is provided, it should be assigned to one person only and be laundered or cleaned and disinfected upon return.
- Ensure that handwashing sinks are fully stocked with soap and paper towels.
- Place an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or soap and water handwashing stations near doors, common use equipment, washrooms/locker rooms, courtside and team areas, and other high-touch locations for patrons and staff. Patrons should be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer when possible.
- Hand hygiene should be performed prior to play and contacting shared equipment, as well as through the duration of the activity (i.e. intermissions, breaks, etc.) and at the end.

## Conduct

- Spitting (includes seeds, tobacco and fluids) and other similar activities increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and are not permitted.
- Individuals must not share personal items (i.e. equipment or beverage containers).
- Congratulatory gestures such as high fives and handshakes are not permitted.
- Spectators, participants and players, staff, coaches and volunteers should try to minimize cheering and whistling as much as possible to control the spread of COVID-19.
- Consider how to adapt activities to take place outdoors and modify play to decrease physical contact, whenever possible.
- Intentional contact during sport or activity must be limited. Modifications to activities that limit physical contact are recommended.

## Guidelines for Employees

- Limit the sharing of objects and tools by staff (e.g. equipment, gloves) or disinfect between uses.
- Hand hygiene must be performed between tasks.
- Encourage staff to launder uniforms/work clothes between shifts.
- Employees are required to practice physical distancing at work. Avoid handshakes and any other physical contact with others. Remain two metres apart from others whenever possible.
- If staff are unable to maintain two metre distancing from coworkers, other measures should be implemented, such as self-monitoring of personal health, supervision by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace. Other appropriate measures include:
  - Staggering activities to limit the number of staff in a confined area during the same period.
  - Moving activities to another room whenever possible.
  - Altering break times to minimize the number of staff working in close quarters.
  - Staff wearing non-medical masks (e.g. cloth or other materials) or procedure masks if distancing is not possible from other staff or patrons.
- Ensure staff are practicing proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including:
  - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

- Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN) when hands are not visibly dirty and handwashing isn't available.
- Avoiding touching their face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue, then immediately disposing of the tissue and washing their hands. If a tissue is not available, they should cough or sneeze into their elbow, not their hands.
- Additional glove use for COVID-19 transmission mitigation is not required. If staff are using gloves, they should be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change (hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water).
- All workers, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions. Facilities should review their employee illness policies to ensure staff are able to remain home when ill (as is required).
- Stagger staff arrival and departure times, lunch times, breaks and meetings to reduce the number of individuals in one place at a given time. Designate lockers and storage spaces for individual workers
- Ensure staff are adequately trained in new policies and protocols.
- Workplaces are encouraged to have plans in place for increased worker absences due to illness or isolation.
- Workplaces should have a workplace illness policy. If policies do not exist or are not in line with COVID-19 recommendations, workplaces should ensure the following:
  - Sick employees should stay home or are sent home from work if symptoms present.
  - Sick employees use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions.
  - If an employee has gone home sick, their work areas should be cleaned and disinfected.



## Recreation Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for recreation activities/organizations in Saskatchewan. Refer to the [Sports and Activities Guidelines](#) for indoor playgrounds and recreations facilities. For provincial, regional and private parks and campgrounds, please refer to the [Parks and Campgrounds Guidelines](#).



### PARKS AND OUTDOOR PLAYGROUNDS

Every person who visits a park or outdoor playground must follow public health orders in order to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

People exhibiting signs of illness should not enter parks or playgrounds. If you think you may be sick, use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions.

People not from the same household or extended household should maintain two metres of physical distancing at all times. Limit gathering with other people when entering and leaving the park/playground and supervising children playing (e.g. paths, benches, picnic areas).

Group sizes must comply with the public gathering restrictions.

Ensure frequent hand hygiene for everyone before, during and after outdoor play.

If an area is busy, such as playground equipment or park space, come back when it's not as busy or use another play area.

Do not share toys or sports equipment between groups.

Practise proper hand hygiene:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water or, when unavailable, with hand sanitizer.
- Refrain from touching your face.
- Carry and use alcohol-based hand sanitizers approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) before and after using playground and other recreational equipment.

Consider limiting children and other members of your household to only visiting playgrounds close to your home. This will help limit the number of people your family may come into contact with during the visit.

Mask use is not required, but non-medical masks (e.g. cloth or other materials) are an additional measure you can take to protect people around you when physical distancing cannot be maintained or is unpredictable. [Guidelines for cloth masks](#) are available.

## Facilities

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of public areas and shared spaces must be conducted in accordance with the public health order and follow the [guidelines for environmental cleaning and disinfection](#).

Employees must have access to proper cleaning and disinfecting supplies and personal protective equipment. Staff are required to stay home if they are unwell or symptomatic.

Signage must be posted in re-opened parks and outdoor playgrounds to caution about the risks of COVID-19, as well as educate users in following the guidelines. Signage should include the following reminders:

- Individuals who are sick should stay home.
- A physical distance of two metres should be maintained between people not from the same household or extended household.
- Individuals should wash their hands before and after using parks and playgrounds.
- Avoid overcrowding. Individual groups must not exceed the restrictions on public gatherings.

Drinking water fountains may not operate.

Washroom facilities must be open with an increased cleaning and disinfecting schedule, ensuring soap and water or hand sanitizer is available, as well as the proper disposal of paper hand towels.

## Children's Programming and Community Events

Children and youth day camps are permitted subject to the [Child and Youth Day Camp Guidelines](#).

All additional public services, such as community-based programming, must be postponed.

All community events must be postponed.

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## AQUATIC FACILITIES

Outdoor and indoor public aquatic facilities, outdoor swimming pools, fill and drain paddling pools, and spray/splash parks must follow all requirements in the current public health order, as well as the following guidelines. Outdoor swimming pools, outdoor water slides and outdoor spray parks are currently permitted to open, while indoor pools will be able to re-open beginning July 6.

These guidelines apply to all outdoor and indoor public swimming pools, including those operated by hotels and motels. All public swimming pools must be operated in a safe manner and are subject to *The Swimming Pool Regulations, 1999* and The Saskatchewan Swimming Pool Design/Operational Standards.

### Guidelines for General Operation

- Staff and members of the public who are sick or symptomatic must stay home. Review employee illness policies to support staff that need to stay home when ill.
- Proper and frequent hand hygiene by public and staff is a vital component in preventing the transmission of illnesses. Public and staff must wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number). Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- Facilities must post signage to inform the public about COVID-19 precautions and restrictions.
- Public and staff, with the exception of household and extended household contacts, must maintain a minimum physical distance of two metres in all areas, including the swimming pool(s).
- Physical barriers and directional flow markings should be located throughout the facility, including change rooms and pool deck areas.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection is required in public and staff areas, including, but not limited to, change rooms, door handles/knobs, flotation aids, handrails, light switches, payment devices, play structures, shared workstations, shower areas, slides, tables and toys. Refer to the [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines](#) for further information.
- Towels and other linens provided by the facility must be laundered and dried on the highest possible temperature setting.
- Drinking fountains must be closed. Water bottle filling stations are acceptable if appropriately and frequently sanitized.
- Patrons must remove face masks prior to entering the pool.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult to ensure compliance with physical distancing.

- All swimmers must take a cleansing shower prior to entering the swimming pool.

## Information for Facility Operators

- Aquatic facilities must contact their local Saskatchewan Health Authority Public Health Inspection Office prior to opening to the public.
- Aquatic facilities, with the exception of spray parks, are limited to a maximum of 100 people as long as physical distancing can be maintained.
- Whirlpools/hot tubs may need to be closed if physical distancing is not possible. Saunas and steam rooms must remain closed at this time.
- Facilities are encouraged to use booking systems to manage public admission. During transactions, if possible, limit the exchange of papers such as receipts. Where possible, payments should be accepted through contactless methods (e.g. tap or e-transfer).
- Facilities must not schedule competitive swim meets or other group events at this time. See the Classes, Swimming Lessons and Training section for exceptions.
- For general workplace guidelines, please refer to the [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines.
- Mechanical ventilation systems must be operating properly in all indoor facilities.

## Lifeguarding and Supervision

- Facility operators shall review first aid and lifesaving procedures in their current safety plans, which must be made available to public health inspectors upon request.
- Staff training is required for any new COVID-19-specific first aid and lifesaving procedures.
- Facility operators can contact the Life Saving Society and/or Red Cross to obtain additional resources for lifeguards specific to COVID-19.
- Lifeguards need to focus on the health and safety of swimmers in a facility. Therefore, they should not be required to enforce public health measures such as physical distancing and occupancy. Facilities will need to ensure there are sufficient staff to monitor compliance with these guidelines.

## Diving Boards, Slides, Play Structures, Toys and Flotation Aids

- Diving boards, slides and play structures such as climbing walls are permitted, but they are subject to enhanced cleaning and disinfection, as well as physical distancing requirements. Active supervision may be required to ensure compliance.

- Flotation aids, such as flutter boards, life jackets, noodles and other items, are permitted subject to enhanced cleaning and disinfection. Usage is at the discretion of the facility. These items must not be shared between non-household contacts.
- Toys and other objects are subject to the same requirements as flotation aids. Facilities may choose not to allow toys at this time.

## Change Rooms

- Wherever possible, members of the public should enter and exit the facility in their swim clothes to minimize crowding in change room areas.
- Reduce the number of lockers available to coincide with the capacity of the facility to reduce cleaning and disinfection demands.
- Ensure an adequate supply of soap is provided for washroom and shower facilities.

## Seating Areas

- Seating areas are permitted on the pool deck, but are subject to the physical distancing requirements of two metres and enhanced cleaning and disinfection. Facilities may choose to close off seating areas or reduce the amount of seating available.

## Classes, Swimming Lessons and Training

- Competition and game play requirements in the [Sports and Activities Guidelines](#) must be followed, where applicable.
- Group activities, such as swimming lessons, fitness classes and competitive swim team training, must be scheduled outside of public swim times.
- Swimming lessons should be postponed unless facility operators are able to maintain physical distancing and avoid physical contact.
- Training/instruction activities that promote grouping, such as instructions at whiteboards, deck side demonstrations, etc., must be done in a way to ensure physical distancing.
- Swimmers should arrive as close to the start time as possible and exit the facility immediately after practice/lessons are over to reduce the number of people gathering in a facility.
- Competitive swim meets and other competitive events must be cancelled until further notice.
- Coaches and training staff must maintain physical distancing.
- Team workouts and other fitness activities on the pool deck or in another area of the facility may be subject to fitness facility guidelines in the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan.
- Team members must avoid physical contact where possible, such as high-



fives, etc.

- Lane swimming activities must be altered to ensure physical distancing between swimmers. For instance, one-way swimming is encouraged where swimmers use the adjacent lane to return.
- Lifeguard courses and training are permitted subject to the gathering and physical distancing restrictions. Consideration must be given to training procedures that require close physical contact. Consult with the Lifesaving Society and/or Red Cross for more information.

## Splash Pads, Fill and Drain Paddling Pools

- Water features must be flushed thoroughly prior to re-opening to remove stagnant water.
- Group sizes must comply with the public gathering restrictions.
- Anyone using splash pad facilities must practise proper hand hygiene.
- Children should be supervised at all times by a parent or guardian, and reminded not to touch or contact others.
- Reduce physical contact with spray features wherever possible. For instance, consider using spray features that do not require physical interaction to activate (i.e. pressing buttons, switches).
- Signage must be posted at splash pads to caution about the risks of COVID-19, as well as educate users in following the guidelines. Signage should include the following reminders:
  - Individuals who are sick should stay home.
  - A physical distance of two metres should be maintained between people not from the same household or extended household.
  - Individuals should wash their hands before and after using the facility.
  - Avoid overcrowding. Individual groups must not exceed the restrictions on public gatherings.
- Fill and drain paddling pools should be closed at this time unless supervision is provided.

## Food Services

- Food services are permitted subject to the [Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).



# Child and Youth Day Camp Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of child and youth day camps in Saskatchewan.



Day camps are permitted to open, and must follow all requirements in the public health order and operate in compliance with all other applicable legislation and licensing requirements. Activities at the camps must align with the allowable services permitted within the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan. Overnight camps are not permitted.

All day camp services are limited to a maximum of 15 children per building space. This may mean 15 children per facility or, in the case of larger facilities where area permits, a facility reconfigured to allow a maximum of 15 children in one defined area. These areas must be separate for each group and need to be separated by a barrier (floor to ceiling barriers not necessary) that can prevent children, toys and other items from crossing over.

Groups of children and staff members assigned to them must stay together throughout the day and cannot mix with other groups. Staff should remain with the same group. Groups must be within in the same room/space at the same time, including pickups and drop-offs, meal times, playtime, outdoor activities, etc.

If a day camp is located within another facility (i.e. special care or personal care home), they are subject to all general restrictions for that facility and must ensure there is no interaction between children and staff/individuals in the other facility.

## Guidelines for General Operation

- Staff and parents must encourage and practise physical distancing.
- Staff should minimize the frequency of direct physical contact with children and encourage children to minimize physical contact with each other.
- For younger children, maintaining physical distance is less practical and the focus should be on minimizing physical contact instead.
- Help younger children learn about physical distancing and less physical contact by creating games that include basic principles such as two arms lengths apart.
- Children from the same household (e.g. siblings) do not need to maintain physical distance from each other.

- Avoid close greetings like hugs or handshakes, and encourage physically distant greetings such as ‘air fives’ and waves.
- Day camps must consider the type of activity and the level of risk it presents.
- Consider how to adapt activities to take place outdoors when possible.
- Individual or group activities that have close, prolonged contact are higher risk. Measures should be taken to modify activities to minimize contact and allow for physical distancing whenever possible.
- Full contact sports are not permitted at this time.
- Plan for reduced contact activities such as shadow tag and, where possible, avoid activities that require clustering around a particular item or small area.
- Singing is a high-risk activity because the virus can be transmitted through saliva or respiratory droplets. Therefore, singing is not recommended at this time.
- Although not recommended, when singing, participants must wear masks.
- The use of playgrounds and outdoor recreation space use should be limited to one group at a time. Ensure hand hygiene occurs for staff and children before, during and after outdoor play.
- Consider the need to modify room configurations (e.g. separating tables) to promote physical distancing. Incorporate more individual activities or activities that encourage more space between children and staff.
- Where possible, remove or reduce play with toys that encourage group play in close proximity or increase the likelihood of physical contact. Keep toys that encourage individual play.
- Camp organizers should provide parents with a list of items that children need to bring with them. Parents and caregivers should avoid bringing any unnecessary items.
- Children and staff should not share food, drinks, facecloths and other personal items. Label personal items with the child’s name to discourage accidental sharing.
- Where possible, operators and staff should communicate with parents electronically (e.g. phone, text, email).
- Modify procedures for drop-off and pickup that support physical distancing and separate groups to the greatest extent possible. Possible strategies include separate group entrances, limit pickups and drop-offs to one parent/guardian, staggering entry or limiting the number of people in entry areas. Ensure parents are informed of all procedures.
- Where possible, the pickup and drop-off of children may occur outside the facility, unless there is a need for the parent or caregiver to enter (e.g. very young children). If a parent must enter the facility, they should maintain physical distance from staff and other children and be reminded to practise diligent hand hygiene.

- Parents and caregivers should use their own pens and avoid touching the sign-in/out sheet directly. They should practise hand hygiene before and after touching the sign-in/out sheet. Consider switching to a contactless or electronic sign-in/out method.
- Parents picking up children from more than one group should not be allowed to intermingle with children in the groups.
- Place alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or soap and water handwashing stations near doors for use by staff and parents. Make disinfectant wipes and trash bins available.
- Children should be encouraged to wash hands with soap and water. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is not generally recommended for use by young children. If soap and water are unavailable and hand sanitizer is used, keep it out of children's reach and supervise its use.
- Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory diseases before sending them to day camps.
- Children who are ill are not permitted to attend. Staff can remind parents and guardians of this at drop-off to confirm that the child does not have symptoms of COVID-19. All parents, guardians, children and staff who are under mandatory self-isolation must not attend—stay home and self-isolate.
- Signage may be used to remind parents and guardians not to enter the facility if they are sick and should be posted at facility entrances.
- Checking temperatures, detailed screening or requiring COVID-19 testing are not required or recommended.
- If a child develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while at the program, the child should be isolated from other children and the parent or guardian should pick up the child immediately. If a separate room is not available, the child needs to be kept at least two metres away from other children.
- If the sick child requires close contact and care, staff can continue to care for the child until the parent arrives. Staff must wear a procedure/surgical mask and eye protection during all interactions with the child and should try to avoid contact with the child's respiratory secretions. Once the child has left, staff must wash their hands and ensure all areas that the sick child occupied are cleaned and disinfected.
- All items used by the child while isolated should be cleaned and disinfected as soon as the child has been picked up. Items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected (e.g. paper, books, cardboard puzzles) should be removed from the program and stored in a sealed container for a minimum of three days.
- Vehicles used by the day camp for transporting children should be cleaned and disinfected as per transportation guidance in the [COVID-19 workplace guidelines](#). Transportation should be limited to the transport of children to

and from care. Recreational travel, such as field trips, is not permitted at this time.

## Guidelines for Employees

- If staff are unable to maintain two-metre distancing from other staff, other measures should be used, such as self-monitoring of personal health, supervision by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety staff in the workplace, or implementing appropriate measures such as:
  - Staggering activities to limit the number of staff in a confined area during the same period.
  - Moving activities to another room, wherever possible.
  - Altering shift and break times to minimize the number of staff working in close quarters.
  - Wearing personal protective equipment.
- Proper and frequent hand hygiene by staff and children is a vital component in preventing the transmission of illnesses. Ensure staff and children are practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette. Parents and staff can teach and reinforce these practices.
  - Hand hygiene stations should be set up at the entrance, so that children can clean their hands when they enter. If a sink with soap and water is not available, provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number). Keep hand sanitizer out of the reach of children and supervise its use.
  - Incorporate additional hand hygiene opportunities into the daily schedule.
  - Ensure the facility is well stocked with handwashing supplies at all times, including soap, paper towels, waste bins and, where appropriate, Health Canada approved hand sanitizer.
  - Children regularly forget about proper handwashing. Staff and children should practise often, with staff modelling washing hands properly in a fun and relaxed way.
- It is recommended that facilities review their employee illness policies to ensure staff are able to remain home when ill (as is required).

## Cleaning and Sanitation Guidelines

- The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces and objects. Frequent cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent spread of the disease.
- Maintain a cleaning schedule and ensure staff are adequately assigned and trained for additional cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection required for COVID-19 transmission mitigation.

- Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas. Common touch areas include those accessed by children, parents and/or employees. Examples of common touch surfaces include table tops, light switches, telephones (including personal cell phones), door knobs, sink taps, toilet handles, kitchen counter tops, gates, hand rails, hand sanitizer bottles/dispensers, toys, sleep cots/mats and cribs.
- Due to the increased amount of cleaning required during an outbreak situation, it is best practice to decrease the number of common use items available to children.
- Indoor shared spaces and structures that cannot be cleaned and disinfected between groups should not be used. If play structures are to be used by more than one group, the structures can only be used by one group at a time and must be cleaned and disinfected before and after use by each group.
- Ensure the disinfectant used in the facility is adequate for the elimination of viruses and is approved by Health Canada (DIN).
- If meals or snacks are provided, any food contact surfaces must be sanitized as per the Provincial Public Eating Establishment Standards.
- Ensure washrooms are cleaned and disinfected with increased frequency, always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning blood or body fluids (e.g. runny nose, vomit, stool, urine). Wash hands before wearing and after removing gloves.
- Programs that utilize a space with other user groups (e.g. programs in museums, community centres) must ensure the space is cleaned and disinfected before and after using the space.

## Program Operator Guidelines

- Close drinking fountains. Water bottle filling stations are acceptable if appropriately and frequently sanitized.
- No self-serve or family-style meal service. There should be no common food items (e.g. salt and pepper shakers). Meals should be served in individual portions to each child by a designated staff member.
- Utensils should be used to serve food items (not fingers).
- If meals or snacks are provided, ensure all children have their own individual meals or snacks. Reusable utensils must be cleaned and sanitized after each use.
- Food provided by the family should be stored with the child's belongings or, if refrigeration is required, should be kept in an area designated for the child's group and should not be handled by staff from other groups. Food from home must not be shared with other children.
- Children are not allowed to participate in food preparation.

- Where possible, children should practise physical distancing while eating. Consider staggering snack or meal times to allow spacing between children during meals.
- Consider using books and individual games as a part of learning, so children can sit independently and distanced from each other.
- Each group should have designated equipment (e.g. balls, loose equipment) or clean and disinfect equipment between group uses.
- Establish a plan to prevent mingling of groups in washrooms, and to minimize the number of shared surfaces in washrooms.

## Personal Protective Equipment

- Except when in close contact with a sick child, masks and eye protection are not required in the child care setting, beyond those used by staff as part of their regular precautions for hazards normally encountered in the workplace. They should only be used when all other controls have been fully explored.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning blood or body fluids (e.g. runny nose, vomit, stool, urine). Gloves must be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change (hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water).
- Other than the above situations, glove use is not required nor recommended.

For additional information, please call the Business Response Team at 1-844-800-8688 or email [supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca](mailto:supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca).



## Beach Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All operators in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides guidelines for beaches in Saskatchewan.



- People exhibiting signs of illness should not enter beach areas. If you think you may be sick, use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions.
- Individuals from different groups must maintain a physical distance of two metres outdoors, indoors, on the beach and in the water. Towels and beach gear should be set up with four metres between groups to allow physical distancing to be maintained for those entering or exiting the area.
- There must be no more individuals per group than allowed under the private and public gathering restrictions.
- Towels, beach toys, food and other items should not be shared between members of different groups.
- If the beach area is full, please use adjacent grass areas, where available, to ensure group and individual physical distancing is maintained.
- Bring your own picnic table covers, cleaning supplies, hand hygiene supplies and other personal items.
- Common contact areas and surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected by park or beach staff regularly. For unstaffed beaches, it's recommended that users clean and disinfect surfaces before and after using (e.g. picnic tables), and practise frequent hand hygiene, especially before and after consuming food.
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) if you come into contact with public or common touch surfaces (e.g. washroom facilities, shower taps, benches, tables, playground equipment).
- Where possible, access to beaches should be controlled and occupancy limited (e.g. limit parking, erect barriers, set maximum occupancy, signage).
- Display posters in common spaces reminding beach users of physical distancing and beach rules (e.g. parking lot, beaches, picnic areas, trailheads).
- Advise users that if an area is busy, such as an outdoor shower facility, picnic shelter or beach, come back when it's not busy or use another area.



- Shower facilities and change rooms are permitted.
- Washroom facilities must be open with increased cleaning and disinfecting. Operators must ensure washrooms are stocked with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- Food and beverage services are permitted subject to the [Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).
- Events are not permitted on beaches at this time.
- Recreation rentals (e.g. kayaks, paddle boats, life jackets) are permitted. Rental equipment must be cleaned and disinfected after each use and should only be shared among members of the same household.
- Publicly accessible in-water play equipment (e.g. slides, floating docks, inflatable play structures) are permitted. Water playground operators (e.g. inflatable water playground businesses) must put measures in place to limit the number of patrons to support physical distancing.

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# Parks and Campground Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific guidelines for operators of parks and campgrounds.



Parks will be open to vehicle traffic for Saskatchewan residents beginning May 4, 2020, to support limited individual activities for which physical distancing can be maintained:

- Anglers to access boat launches in advance of fishing season; and
- Hikers and mountain bikers.

The online reservation system for campsites in Saskatchewan provincial parks will also open on May 4, 2020.

All public and private campgrounds will remain closed to overnight camping until June 1, 2020.

Overnight stays prior to June 1, 2020, are permitted for individuals with seasonal long-term sites with self-supporting infrastructure (sewer and water) located in private campgrounds or regional parks.

Beginning June 1, only Saskatchewan residents will be allowed to camp in Saskatchewan provincial parks.

## Fishing Access

- Provincial parks will be open to vehicle traffic on May 4, 2020, to allow access to boat launches and shorelines.
- A licence may be required to fish in Saskatchewan.
- The Saskatchewan fishing season begins on the following dates:
  - Southern Zone – May 5, 2020
  - Central Zone – May 15, 2020
  - Northern Zone – May 25, 2020
- Complete information on fishing in Saskatchewan is available at [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](https://saskatchewan.ca/fishing).
- Passengers in boats do not have to be from the same household, but must maintain as much separation as possible.
- Shoreline anglers must adhere to a strict two-metre distance between individuals.

- Fishing off public docks, dams, jetties or marinas is prohibited.
- Parks will provide limited access to bathroom facilities for day-use only, with enhanced sanitization protocols and increased frequency of maintenance.
- Access to shower facilities is permitted.

## Filleting Shacks and Tables

- Outdoor tables for filleting fish must be set up to maintain a minimum of two metres between tables.
- Users must be instructed to clean up after themselves, and facilities must include fish filleting stations in their cleaning and disinfection practices.
- Filleting shacks should only be occupied by a single group at a time, and physical distancing should be practised where possible. Temporary filleting stations can be established to promote distancing between groups.
- Common-use filleting equipment, such as knives, scrub brushes, etc., should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after every use.

## Campgrounds

- Starting June 1, long-term seasonal, overnight stay and limited-term campers will be allowed under the following conditions until the public health order is amended:
  - Reservations must be accepted in advance.
  - Effective June 26, overnight stays and limited-term campsites may be occupied at 100 per cent capacity.
  - Contactless transactions must be used (delivery of fire wood, etc.).
  - Where possible, payments should be accepted through contactless methods (e.g. tap or e-transfer).
  - Group camping and camping in overflow areas are permitted.
- All laundry facilities must be closed.
  - Access can be provided to washroom and shower facilities. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols must be followed, and the frequency with which bathrooms and showers are cleaned must be increased.
  - Campers must be encouraged to use bathroom facilities in their trailers or recreational vehicles.
- Campground operators will be required to undertake the following actions:
  - Enhanced cleaning and disinfection practices are undertaken at central dump stations and water fill stations.
  - Drinking water fountains should be closed.
  - Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting efforts are undertaken in campground sites and in all public/shared spaces and equipment (e.g. picnic tables, garbage cans, hydrants and other high-touch surfaces).

- The maintenance of public areas/shared spaces must be conducted in accordance with the public health order and follow the [guidelines for environmental cleaning and disinfection](#).
- All shared facilities must remain closed (laundry facilities, cookhouses).
- Beach and picnic area access is permitted according to the [guidelines for beaches](#) and increased cleaning and disinfection practices of common touch areas.
- Park and playground access is permitted according to the [guidelines for parks and outdoor playgrounds](#).
- Outdoor swimming pools and aquatic areas can open effective June 22, 2020, subject to the [Outdoor Recreation Guidelines](#).
- Food and beverage services are permitted subject to the [Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).
- Grocery stores must enact enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices, as well as physical distancing guidelines.
- All community events must be postponed.
- Employees must have access to proper cleaning and disinfecting supplies, as well as personal protective equipment. Staff are required to stay home if they are unwell or symptomatic.
- Signage must be posted to caution campers about the risks of COVID-19.
- Campers exhibiting signs of illness will not be permitted.
- The rental of temporary tents is not permitted. The rental of semi-permanent and permanent tents, as well as yurts, is permitted.
- Children and youth day camps are permitted subject to the [Child and Youth Day Camp Guidelines](#).
- All other public services, such as interpretation services and community-based programming, must be postponed.

For additional information, please call the Business Response Team at 1-844-800-8688 or email [supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca](mailto:supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca).



# Outfitting Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The guidelines below provide specific information for outfitters.



Outfitting camps may now open provided all guidelines are followed.

## Public Health Orders

- Outfitting operations must comply with all public health orders until the restrictions are lifted.
- Outfitters shall not accept international travellers who have not completed the federal government's travel restrictions regarding self-isolation, which cannot be completed in an outfitting camp/accommodation.

## Basic Public Health Measures

- People planning to visit or work at an outfitting camp who are sick or symptomatic must stay home. Anyone who becomes ill while at an outfitting camp should self-isolate and call HealthLine 811 for further direction. Operators should plan for managing staff or guests who become ill.
- Staff from local areas who work in outfitting camps should consider remaining on site for the duration of the season.
- Frequent and effective handwashing must be practised by all outfitting camp occupants. Soap and water must be provided or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- Physical distancing must be observed between staff and guests at all times, or whenever practical.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection is required in all common areas, as well as any shared items or equipment.

## Lodges, Cabins and Outcamps

- Cabins and rooms are not restricted to members of the same household; however, individuals should maintain as much separation as possible.
- When physical distancing cannot be maintained, measures such as reducing capacity in cabins and rooms should be implemented.

- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection is required between occupants, including outcamps, bathroom facilities, laundry facilities and any shared spaces.
- Consideration should be given to designating an accommodation for self-isolation when a guest or staff member cannot immediately seek medical attention (e.g. fly-in camps). A plan should be in place to transport guests to medical facilities when necessary.
- Picnic area access is permitted according to the recommended public health measures, including increased cleaning and disinfection of common touch areas. Non-essential shared facilities, such as game rooms and common rooms, must be closed.
- Common eating areas that are open to the public in operations accessible by road are subject to the same restrictions as restaurants and other public eating establishments.
- Where meals are provided to outfitting clients and employees only (i.e. no public service), meal service in common eating areas should occur in rotations to minimize the number of people in the room. Physical distancing must be practised at all times. Wherever possible, guests and staff should eat in their accommodations. Food services staff must serve all food and common touch items should be removed.
- Outfitting camps that are not staffed at all times need to ensure basic public health measures, such as cleaning and disinfecting. This may require temporary staffing.

## Staff Accommodation

- Please refer to the [Workplace Food and Accommodations Guidelines](#).

## Campgrounds

- Please refer to the [Parks and Campground Guidelines](#).

## Guiding

- Guides must be assigned to the same client group for the entire duration of their stay, as well as all activities.
- Guides must maintain appropriate physical distancing while interacting with clients. Different guided groups should be kept separate.
- When fishing from shore, anglers must remain two metres apart. Fishing from public docks, marinas, etc. is not permitted at this time.
- Individual instruction is permitted with no contact and appropriate physical distancing. No group instruction is allowed.
- Shore lunches must be cancelled unless prepackaged, prepared items are provided (i.e. bag lunches).

## Filleting Shacks or Tables

- Outdoor tables for filleting fish must be set up to maintain a minimum of two metres between tables. They must be thoroughly cleaned between uses by different groups.
- Filleting shacks should only be occupied by a single group at a time, and physical distancing should be practised where possible. Temporary filleting stations can be established to promote distancing between groups.
- Common-use filleting equipment, such as knives, scrub brushes, etc., should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after every use.

## Equipment and Rentals

- Equipment rentals (boats, all-terrain vehicles, helmets, blinds, fishing rods and tackle) are permitted, but must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each rental.
- The rental of tents is not permitted. Clients must bring their own tents.

## Transportation

### Vehicles

- Please refer to the [Transportation Guidelines](#).

### Boats

- Passengers must maintain as much separation as possible.
- Whenever possible, guides should stay with the same group and maintain physical distancing while operating or helping clients operate watercraft required for guiding services. This applies to fishing guides, as well as moose and bird hunting by boat.

### All-Terrain Vehicles

- Each client and guide must ride on separate all-terrain vehicles, with the exception of those residing in the same household.

### Aircraft

- Small aircraft can be used to access remote sites.
- Aircraft operators will need to ensure adequate safety protections are provided for all passengers.
- Two-metre distancing between individuals shall be maintained where possible. When unable to maintain two-metre distancing, safety protocols would include administrative and engineered controls, frequent handwashing

and frequent cleaning and disinfection of common surfaces. Where administrative and engineered controls are not possible, a mask would provide an additional measure of protection for aircraft occupants.

- More information [on pandemic supplies, including administrative and engineered controls for businesses](#), is available.





# Libraries, Museums, Art Galleries Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). The information below provides specific guidance for libraries, museums, art galleries, interpretive centres and similar facilities. Operators of these facilities must also continue to operate in compliance with all other applicable provincial regulations and standards.



Libraries, museums, art galleries and similar facilities are allowed to re-open beginning June 29, 2020.

## General Operations

- Maintain an occupancy level that allows staff and customers to maintain a physical distance, except for brief exchanges.
- Areas should be monitored to ensure patrons are following distancing and hygiene protocols.
- Timed admission ticketing should be implemented, where possible.
- Online admission ticketing should be used, where possible.
- Cashless or no-contact payment should be used as much as possible, with physical distancing being observed at all times.
- Employ the use of self-serve checkout and return services as much as possible.
  - Place hand sanitizer stations and sanitizing wipes near each station.
  - Monitor use and frequently disinfect high-touch surfaces.
- Consider supporting vulnerable populations with dedicated hours.
- Indoor playgrounds and recreation areas are permitted subject to the [Sports and Activities Guidelines](#). Outdoor playgrounds are permitted subject to the [Recreation Guidelines](#).
- Close drinking fountains. Water bottle filling stations are acceptable if appropriately and frequently sanitized.
- Retail sales are subject to the [Clothing and Retail Guidelines](#).
- Food and beverage services are subject to the [Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).
- Restrict or limit personal items being stored in coatrooms, baggage holding areas, etc.
- Remove brochures and brochure racks from public access areas. Instead, distribute brochures and maps at staffed visitor check-in points.
- Facilities should post external and internal signs indicating distancing and hygiene protocols. Request patrons stay home if sick or symptomatic.

- A response plan should be in place in case a patron or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms while at the venue.

## Physical Distancing

- Public and staff, with the exception of household and extended household contacts, must maintain a minimum physical distance of two metres in all areas.
- Consider physical barriers (e.g. Plexiglas) at visitor contact points.
- One-way flow patterns should be established, where possible. Entrances and exits should be organized to support one-way traffic flow through the facility.
- Use markings or dividers in common areas to ensure physical distancing. Floor decals can be used.
- Elevator use protocols should be established to ensure distancing requirements.
- Remove or spread out seating to encourage two metres of physical distancing. Discourage gathering throughout the facility.

## Cleaning and Sanitation

- Place an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or soap and water handwashing stations near doors, pay stations, washrooms and other high-touch locations for customers.
- Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas, including doorknobs, handles, counters, railings, stations, display fronts, PIN pads and/or self-pay stations, and light switches. Common touch areas include those accessed by customers and employees.
- Equipment provided by the facility for accessibility purposes, such as strollers and wheelchairs, must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Computers used by the public should be cleaned and disinfected frequently, and hand sanitizer should be located nearby.
- Where possible, remove common touch items from all areas.
- Ensure employee and public washrooms are cleaned and disinfected with increased frequency, always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.

## Public Programming and High-Contact Areas

- Self-guided tours and app-based self-guided tours are recommended rather than providing shared headsets or guided tours. Items rented must be cleaned and disinfected between each use. Live guided tours are subject to gathering and physical distancing requirements.

- Day camps must follow the [Child and Youth Day Camp Guidelines](#).
- One-on-one services may continue with appropriate physical distancing and barriers. Limited group programming is permitted.
- For in-person programming (e.g. book clubs, fundraisers, classes, workshops):
  - Physical distancing (two metres) must be applied for participants not from the same household.
  - Group sizes must comply with public gathering restrictions.
  - Consider hosting online or virtual activities.
- Where possible, use touchless audio-visual displays (triggered by physical distance, RFID, or similar technology).
- High-touch displays and interactive objects require enhanced cleaning and disinfection. Provide hand sanitizer near displays.
- Facilities may install additional barriers to discourage patrons from touching fences or glass enclosures.
- Where possible, sensory play should be discontinued. If necessary, sensory play should be conducted as an individual activity.

## Guidelines for Employees

- Employees are required to practise physical distancing at work. Avoid handshakes and any other physical contact with others. Remain two metres apart from others whenever possible.
- If staff are unable to maintain two-metre distancing from co-workers, other measures should be implemented, such as self-monitoring of personal health, supervision by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace. Other appropriate measures include:
  - Staggering activities to limit the number of staff in a confined area during the same period.
  - Moving activities to another room whenever possible.
  - Altering break times to minimize the number of staff working in close quarters.
  - Wearing personal protective equipment. Staff must wear non-medical masks (e.g. cloth or other materials) or procedure masks if distancing is not possible from other staff or patrons.
- Additional information is available on the [appropriate use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#).
- Ensure staff are practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including:
  - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

- Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) when hands are not visibly dirty and handwashing isn't available.
- Avoiding touching their face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue, then immediately disposing of the tissue and washing their hands. If a tissue is not available, they should cough or sneeze into their elbow, not their hands.
- Additional glove use for COVID-19 transmission mitigation is not required. If staff are using gloves, they should be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change (hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water).
- All workers, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions. Facilities should review their employee illness policies to ensure staff are able to remain home when ill (as is required).
- Stagger staff arrival and departure times, lunch times, breaks and meetings to reduce the number of individuals in one place at a given time. Designate lockers and storage spaces for individual workers.
- Ensure staff are adequately trained in new policies and protocols.
- Workplaces are encouraged to have plans in place for increased worker absences due to illness or isolation.
- Workplaces should have a workplace illness policy. If policies do not exist or are not in line with COVID-19 recommendations, workplaces should ensure the following:
  - Sick employees should stay home or are sent home from work if symptoms present.
  - Sick employees use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions.
  - If an employee has gone home sick, their work areas should be cleaned and disinfected.

## Libraries

- Encourage patrons to consider other options for borrowing materials, such as:
  - Accessing e-books and other virtual library borrowing services.
  - Browsing library catalogues online at home.
  - Using holds to reserve materials, reducing the amount of time people spend in the library.
- Consider offering curbside pickup for on-hold and check-out items or, if available, consider delivery or drop-off services.

- Maintain physical distancing during interlibrary book deliveries. This might include identifying a drop zone.
- For item returns:
  - When possible, clean and disinfect all surfaces of the returns.
  - If items cannot be cleaned and disinfected, isolate items in a separate bin (labelled with return date) for at least 72 hours before being returned to circulation shelves. Employees must wash their hands after handling returns.
- Public sit and stand work stations should be rearranged to ensure physical distancing. For example, leave every other terminal empty.



# Movie and Live Theatre Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). Operators of theatres in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides guidelines for operators of movie and live theatres.



Movie and live theatres may resume operations on June 29, 2020. These guidelines have been developed to support theatre operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees, including workers, volunteers, patrons and the general public. The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention and control measures specific to movie theatres.

## General Operations

- A maximum of 30 per cent capacity up to a maximum of 150 people are permitted per theatre room, as long as physical distancing can be maintained.
- Maintain an occupancy level in lobby and other common areas to allow staff and customers to maintain adequate physical distancing.
- Encourage patrons to come near the scheduled show time and go directly to their seats, and leave immediately following the show to discourage gathering in common areas.
- To prevent gatherings and close contact between individuals, avoid the use of intermissions at this time.
- Areas should be monitored to ensure people are following distancing and hygiene protocols.
- Online admission ticketing should be used, where possible.
- Cashless or no-contact payment should be used as much as possible, with physical distancing being observed at all times.
- Employ the use of self-serve checkout as much as possible.
  - Place hand sanitizer stations and disinfecting wipes near each station.
  - Frequently disinfect high-touch surfaces
- Consider supporting vulnerable populations with dedicated showings or performances.
- Close drinking fountains. Water bottle filling stations are acceptable if appropriately and frequently sanitized.
- Retail sales must follow the [Clothing and Retail Guidelines](#).
- Food and beverage services are subject to the [Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).
- Arcades and electronic games (e.g. pinball) are permitted and must follow

the [Casino and Bingo Hall Guidelines](#).

- Coat checks should not be operated at this time.
- Remove magazines and racks from public access areas. Instead, distribute at staffed visitor check-in points.
- Facilities should post external and internal signs indicating distancing and hygiene protocols. Request patrons to stay home if sick or symptomatic.
- Provide hand hygiene stations near entrances, theatre doors and concessions. Hand sanitizer must be alcohol based and approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN).
- A response plan should be in place in case a patron or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms while at the venue.

## Physical Distancing

- Public and staff, with the exception of household and extended household contacts, must maintain a minimum physical distance of two metres in all areas.
- Theatres must set up processes and infrastructure to support two metres of distance to be maintained between patrons or extended household groups in all areas, including the lobby, concession area, washrooms and theatre rooms.
- Ensure that seating allows for a physical distance of two metres between people who are not in the same group. This may be done through:
  - leaving alternating rows empty;
  - leaving one or more seats empty between parties;
  - blocking off unavailable rows; and
  - signage and communication to patrons reminding them to leave the appropriate number of seats between parties.
- Block off seats bordering aisles so that people are not required to walk close to others when coming or going from the theatre.
- For theatres with seating configurations not in rows, two metres of physical distancing must be maintained between groupings. No more than six patrons to a table.
- Seating for live performances must be at least two metres from the stage. Interactions between performers and audiences is not recommended at this time. If interaction occurs, it must follow physical distancing requirements.
- Manage crowds as they exit the theatre so that physical distancing can be maintained. This may be done through visual markings and calling row numbers to limit the numbers of persons exiting at a time.
- Assign seats to each patron and avoid general admission seating wherever possible.
- Stagger show start and end times to promote physical distancing.

- Use markings or dividers in common areas and lineups to ensure physical distancing. Floor decals can be used.
- Consider physical barriers (e.g. Plexiglas) at visitor contact points.
- One-way flow patterns should be established, where possible. Entrances and exits to buildings should be organized to support one-way traffic flow through the facility.
- Restrict and direct customer flow into and within the theatre (e.g. one point of entry and exit, identify patron flow throughout with signage).
- Elevator use protocols should be established to ensure distancing requirements.
- Discourage gathering throughout the facility.

## Cleaning and Sanitation

- Place an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or soap and water handwashing stations near doors, pay stations, washrooms and other high-touch locations for customers.
- Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas, including doorknobs, handles, counters, railings, stations, display fronts, PIN pads and/or self-pay stations, and light switches. Common touch areas include those accessed by customers and employees.
- Ensure that arm rests and common touch areas within the theatres are cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- Where possible, remove common touch items from all areas.
- Ensure employee and public washrooms are cleaned and disinfected with increased frequency, always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.

## Guidelines for Employees

- Limit sharing of objects and tools by staff (e.g. ice scoops, popcorn seasoning shakers) or disinfect between uses.
- Dedicate separate tasks for workers (e.g. separate the role of taking orders from those who fill/deliver the order). Hand hygiene must be performed between tasks.
- Encourage staff to launder uniforms between shifts.
- Employees are required to practise physical distancing at work. Avoid handshakes and any other physical contact with others. Remain two metres apart from others whenever possible.
- If staff are unable to maintain two-metre distancing from co-workers, other measures should be implemented, such as self-monitoring of personal



health, supervision by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace. Other appropriate measures include:

- Staggering activities to limit the number of staff in a confined area during the same period.
- Moving activities to another room whenever possible.
- Altering break times to minimize the number of staff working in close quarters.
- Staff wearing non-medical masks (e.g. cloth or other materials) or procedure masks if distancing is not possible from other staff or patrons.
- Ensure staff are practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including:
  - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) when hands are not visibly dirty and handwashing isn't available.
  - Avoiding touching their face, mouth, nose and eyes.
  - Coughing or sneezing into a tissue, then immediately disposing of the tissue and washing their hands. If a tissue is not available, they should cough or sneeze into their elbow, not their hands.
- Additional glove use for COVID-19 transmission mitigation is not required. If staff are using gloves, they should be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change (hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water).
- All workers, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions. Facilities should review their employee illness policies to ensure staff are able to remain home when ill (as is required).
- Stagger staff arrival and departure times, lunch times, breaks and meetings to reduce the number of individuals in one place at a given time. Designate lockers and storage spaces for individual workers.
- Ensure staff are adequately trained in new policies and protocols.
- Workplaces are encouraged to have plans in place for increased worker absences due to illness or isolation.
- Workplaces should have a workplace illness policy. If policies do not exist or are not in line with COVID-19 recommendations, workplaces should ensure the following:
  - Sick employees should stay home or are sent home from work if symptoms present.

- Sick employees use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions.
- If an employee has gone home sick, their work areas should be cleaned and disinfected.



## Performing Arts Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). The information below provides guidelines to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in activities including, but not limited to, music, dance and theatre, and apply to all individuals involved, such as performers, instructors/directors, staff, assistants, volunteers and members of the general public.



Performing arts organizations and facilities in Saskatchewan may resume operation on July 6, 2020.

The COVID-19 virus is spread between individuals from exposure to droplets and aerosols generated in an individual's respiratory system (mouth, nose, throat, lungs, etc.). Droplets are created when talking, singing, playing instruments that require air to be blown into them, and through activities that require physical exertion, resulting in heavier breathing. The greater the force that droplets are expelled from the respiratory system, the greater the distance they can travel.

### General

- All requirements of the public health order must be observed.
- Participating individuals must self-monitor for illness and stay home when sick. Those who become unwell with symptoms related to COVID-19 must immediately return home and call HealthLine 811.
- One-on-one lessons must follow the relevant guidelines in this document as they relate to the specific activity (i.e. private vocal, instrumental, theatre, dance lessons).
- Performing arts groups are subject to the gathering restrictions in the current public health order. A choir, orchestra, dance troupe, etc. that exceeds the gathering limit must be divided into smaller groupings. The total number must include all participants, such as teachers, directors, conductors and members of the production crew. Members within each grouping must remain consistent.
- Unless otherwise indicated in these guidelines, physical distancing of two metres must be maintained between individuals. Visual cues for distancing, directional flow of movement through areas, and cordons or other barriers are recommended in common areas.
- Frequent and effective hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette must be practised and promoted.
- Designate one or more people to be responsible for ensuring compliance with these guidelines.

- At-risk populations, such as seniors and people with underlying health conditions, should avoid activities that increase the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus.
- Whenever possible, performing arts activities should be moved outdoors due to the lower risk of spreading the virus.

## Choir/Group Vocals

**Caution:** multiple confirmed and suspected outbreaks of the COVID-19 virus have been linked to choirs.

- Choirs are not permitted to hold public performances at this time.
- Choir rehearsals or practices are not recommended at this time due to the known, increased risk of spreading COVID-19. However, if choir organizers and participants choose to practice or rehearse, all participants must wear a non-medical or procedure mask and maintain at least two metres of separation from other participants. If a mask is not worn, there must be four metres of separation from other participants.
- Choir participants must face forward.
- Appropriate eye protection or a face shield is recommended for conductors or other participants facing the choir.
- The conductor should maintain a minimum distance of four metres from singers.

## Orchestras/Bands

Air blown into woodwind instruments follows a relatively short and direct path through the instrument. As such, respiratory droplets can be ejected from the instrument. Brass instruments require blown air to follow a more convoluted path, which reduces the risk of ejecting droplets. However, moisture accumulates in the instrument and can be manually ejected through the water key or spit valve, which can create droplets.

- Musicians, regardless of the type of instrument, must remain two metres from each other. For woodwind and brass instruments, this distance should be measured from the end of the instrument.
- Instruments, drum sticks/mallets, music stands and other items must not be shared between participants, unless cleaned and disinfected between uses. Items that can't be disinfected (e.g. sheet music) must not be shared.
- Instruments should be cleaned and maintained at home or off site. A designated area can be established where onsite cleaning or maintenance is absolutely necessary; however, the area must be used individually and cleaned/disinfected after each use.

- While 70 per cent isopropyl alcohol can often be used for disinfecting instruments, musicians should consult manufacturers or other professionals to ensure they aren't damaged.
- The conductor should maintain a minimum distance of four metres from performers.

## Theatre (including Musical Theatre)

- Requirements apply to all 'front of house' and 'back of house' operations.
- Performers should maintain two metres of separation, where possible, while performing during rehearsals and performances.
- Performances that require close contact between individuals should be adapted or avoided, where possible. Adjust performances or select performance options with limited participants, such as solos, spoken word, etc.
- Carefully manage the use of dressing rooms, makeup areas, etc. to ensure proper distancing.
- Makeup should not be shared at this time.
- Shared items, such as costumes and props, should be avoided where possible. Shared items must be laundered or cleaned and disinfected after each performance.
- Masks, microphones or other items likely to be exposed to respiratory droplets must not be shared.
- Where possible, auditions and rehearsals should be conducted remotely using video conferencing systems.

## Dance

- Dancers and instructors should maintain two metres of separation from each other, where possible.
- Consider remote rehearsals/practices using video conferencing systems.
- Areas for dancers should be marked, and dancers should be instructed to remain within their designated areas.
- Dance styles, forms and moves that require direct physical contact must be avoided at this time.
- Props and other items must not be shared between dancers, and they must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Dancers should be encouraged to arrive and depart in their dance clothing to minimize crowding in change areas.



# Casino and Bingo Hall Guidelines

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to [COVID-19 Workplace Information](#). The information below provides guidelines to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in casinos and bingo halls. Operators of these facilities must also continue to operate in compliance with all other applicable provincial regulations and standards.



Casinos and bingo halls in Saskatchewan may re-open for business on July 9, 2020.

- These guidelines are high-level practices for operators of casinos and bingo halls. Casinos are also expected to operate under the COVID-19 re-opening plans created by the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority or SaskGaming, which address the specific operational guidelines for gaming facilities.
- Operators of licensed video lottery terminals (VLTs) are also expected to observe the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority's (SLGA) operational guidelines for VLTs.
- Bingo halls should develop a risk mitigation strategy to manage operations in a safe and effective manner.

## General

- All applicable requirements of the public health order must be observed.
- Maintain an occupancy level that allows staff and customers to keep a physical distance of two metres, except for brief exchanges.
- Employees and guests must self-monitor for illness and stay home when sick or symptomatic. Those who become ill with symptoms related to COVID-19 must immediately return home and call HealthLine 811.
- Adults 65 and over, and those with compromised immune systems or other underlying medical conditions, are at a higher risk of developing severe COVID-19.
- A response plan should be in place in case a patron or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms while at the venue.
- Facilities should post external and internal signs indicating physical distancing requirements, staying home when ill and hygiene protocols.
- Public and staff, with the exception of household and extended household contacts, must maintain a minimum physical distance of two metres in all areas.
- Physical barriers can be considered where areas cannot be adequately separated.

- Aisles must be wide enough to allow room for people to maintain physical distancing. Consider using one-way traffic flow to help maintain distancing.
- Visual cues for distancing, directional flow of movement through areas and cordons or other barriers are recommended in common areas.
- Other measures to ensure physical distancing should be considered, including:
  - Reducing the number of slot machines or VLTs available.
  - Repositioning seats or reducing the number of seats available.
- Table games are not permitted at this time.
- People should be discouraged from watching others play games. Physical distancing must always be maintained.
- Food and beverage service must be consistent [with Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).
- Show lounges and performances are subject to the [Movie and Live Theatre Guidelines](#).
- Frequent and effective hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette must be practised and promoted.
- Coat checks and similar services should not be provided at this time.

## Guidelines for Employees

- Employees are required to practise physical distancing at work. Avoid handshakes and any other physical contact with others. Remain two metres apart whenever possible.
- Consider modifying or eliminating in-person meetings and shift huddles to maintain physical distance.
- If staff are unable to maintain two-metre distancing from co-workers, other measures should be implemented, such as self-monitoring of personal health, supervision by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace. Other appropriate measures include:
  - Staggering activities to limit the number of staff in a confined area during the same period.
  - Moving activities to another room whenever possible.
  - Altering break times to minimize the number of staff working in close quarters.
- Dealers, cashiers, servers and other staff not able to remain two metres from customers must wear non-medical masks (e.g. cloth or other materials) or procedure/surgical masks.
- It is recommended that vulnerable staff, such as those over 65 and those with underlying health conditions, wear a procedure/surgical mask.

- Additional information is available on the [appropriate use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#).
- Limit the sharing of objects and tools by staff (e.g. cards, chips, etc.) or disinfect between uses.
- Dedicate separate tasks for workers (e.g. separate the role of cashier handling money from those handling chips/tokens). Hand hygiene must be performed between tasks.
- Encourage staff to launder uniforms/work clothes between shifts.
- Ensure staff are practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including:
  - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - Using hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly dirty and handwashing isn't available.
  - Only using hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
  - Avoiding touching face, mouth, nose and eyes.
  - Coughing or sneezing into a tissue, then immediately disposing of the tissue and washing hands. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into the elbow, not hands.
- Additional glove use for COVID-19 transmission mitigation is not required. If staff are using gloves, they should be changed after every interaction and when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change (hand sanitizer or handwashing with soap and water).
- All workers, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#) and follow the subsequent directions. It is recommended that facilities review their employee illness policies to ensure staff are able to remain home when ill.
- Ensure staff are adequately trained in new policies and protocols.
- Workplaces are encouraged to have plans in place for increased worker absences due to illness or isolation.
- Workplaces should have a workplace illness policy. If policies do not exist or are not in line with COVID-19 recommendations, workplaces should ensure the following:
  - Sick employees should stay home or are sent home from work if symptoms present.
  - Sick employees use the Government of Saskatchewan's [self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#).
  - If an employee goes home sick, their work areas should be cleaned and disinfected.



## Cleaning and Sanitation

- The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces and objects. Frequent cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent the spread of the disease.
- Maintain a cleaning schedule and ensure staff are adequately assigned and trained for additional cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection duties.
- Place an alcohol-based hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number) in dispensers or soap and water handwashing stations near entrance/exit points, token dispensers, pay stations, washrooms and other high-touch locations for customers and staff.
- Customers should be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands prior to and following use of VLTS and playing bingo.
- Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly contacted areas, including doorknobs, handles, counters, PIN pads, elevator buttons, railings and light switches. Common touch areas include those accessed by customers and employees, including back of house.
- Increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection of slot machines, VLTS and common touch surfaces.
- Increase cleaning and disinfection of commonly touched items, such as chips.
- Where possible, remove common touch items from all areas.
- Ensure the disinfectant used in the facility is adequate for the elimination of viruses and approved by Health Canada (DIN).
- Ensure employee and public washrooms are cleaned with increased frequency, always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.
- Microphones cannot be shared between individuals due to the difficulty of cleaning and disinfecting these devices. Minimize the number of persons providing readings or performing other activities that would require the use of a microphone.