

COVID-19 ADDITIONAL EMCPA CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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On May 14th, 2020 the government announced additional workplaces that can reopen. Businesses are still required to comply with strict public health measures and operate safely during this time. Over the coming weeks, there are expected to be many changes as the government implements guidelines to reopen businesses gradually and safely. The provincial state of emergency has been extended until June 2nd, 2020.

Frontline Impact:

As of **May 19th, 2020**, the following businesses are permitted to begin operation:

- **Retails services** with separate street-front entrances may allow customers in the store. Measures should be in place to enable physical distancing, such as limiting the number of customers in the store at any one time and booking appointments when possible.
 - This also applies to businesses that sell motor **vehicles**, RVs, trailers, boats and other motorized vehicles. These businesses are no longer required to offer services by appointment only.
 - **Fitting rooms** must remain closed unless they have a non-fabric door that may be closed. Customers are not allow to occupy adjacent fitting room stalls at the same time and the fitting room must be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- **Indoor and outdoor sports facilities** may open in compliance with sec. 7 of Schedule 3 including baseball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis (including platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts), basketball courts, BMX parks, skate parks, motorsports tracks, frisbee golf locations, cycling tracks and bike trails, horse riding facilities (including indoor horse riding facilities), shooting ranges (including indoor shooting ranges), and indoor golf driving ranges. Certain **outdoor recreational amenities** may also reopen including outdoor picnic sites, benches and shelters in parks; off-leash dog areas; and outdoor multi-use fields and sports facilities (listed above).
 - **Team sports** cannot be practised or played within the facility; all individuals must maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from one another; locker rooms, change rooms, showers and club houses are to remain closed, except for providing access to a washroom or first aid services.
 - The following **outdoor recreational amenities** are required to remain **closed**: outdoor playgrounds and equipment; outdoor pools, spas, splash pads and waterslides; communal facilities intended to be used by persons using outdoor recreational amenities; and outdoor fitness equipment.
- **Facilities** used to train amateur or professional athletes or to run athletic competitions. The organization, league or club must be recognized nationally (funded by Sport Canada or a member club of such an organization) or provincially (recognized by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries).
 - **Pool-based** sports are not permitted; no spectators are permitted (other than one parent/guardian for each athlete under 18 years old); games that are likely to result in individuals coming within two metres of each other are not permitted; locker rooms, change

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- **Horse racing tracks** are permitted to open but must remain closed to spectators.
- **Pet care services** such as grooming, training and regular veterinary appointments.
- Indoor and outdoor **household services** that can follow public health guidelines, such as housekeepers, cooks, cleaning and maintenance.
- **Construction projects** and related services, including demolition services and land surveyors.
- **Maintenance, repair and property management** services that manage and maintain the safety, security, sanitation and operation of institutional, commercial, industrial and residential properties and buildings.
- Certain **health and medical services** with regulated health professionals such as in-person counselling and scheduled surgeries. Organizations that provide critical personal support services in home or residential services for individuals with physical disabilities are permitted to operate.
- **Media industries** are permitted to open in accordance with all applicable laws. This includes sound recording, production and distribution businesses; film and television post-production, visual effects and animation studios; book and periodical production and distribution; and interactive digital media businesses.

Resources:

- Updated [list of essential services](#)