

INTRODUCTION:

The Pandemic Response System has been introduced to share the current level of risk, provide public health guidance to Manitobans and explain the range of measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Manitoba. Further, Manitoba's Pandemic Response provides detailed, easy-to-understand direction to residents and businesses at a provincial, regional, sector and facility level

The province will update the provincial response level in response to the spread of the virus and other public health indicators.

SETTING THE RESPONSE LEVEL:

Public health officials monitor key indicators and use the information gathered to guide their recommendations in setting each risk level and responses, including:

- Test positivity levels
- Case number growth rates
- Number of days since positive cases are linked to further transmission
- Contact tracing and the degree to which cases are contained in clusters
- Health system capacity to deal with cases requiring hospitalization or intensive care

For a detailed description of the four levels and what they mean to you, [click here](#) to read Manitoba's COVID-19 Response Level System Summary.



RED: CRITICAL

The Southern - Santé Sud Health Region will move to the Critical level (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System **Monday, November 9, 2020**. The following measures will be in place:

- Wear a mask in all indoor public places and at all gatherings (indoor and outdoor).
- Limit public gatherings to a maximum of **5 people** indoors and outdoors.
- **Limiting contacts from outside your household is strongly encouraged.**
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing and cough etiquette.
- Follow public health guidance on travel and self-isolation.
- Vulnerable people, such as seniors, are encouraged to exercise additional caution.
- Individuals identified as having COVID-19 or a close contact of someone with COVID-19 must immediately enter mandatory isolation/self-isolation (quarantine) until public health officials advise they can end isolation/self-isolation (quarantine). [Additional guidance on self-isolation for confirmed cases and close contacts.](#)
- Non-essential travel outside of Manitoba is strongly discouraged. Individuals who travelled internationally or domestically (east of Terrace Bay, ON) must go into mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) for 14 days from the date of arrival to Manitoba. [Additional guidance and exemptions to self-isolation for travellers.](#)
- Two designated caregivers that are family or close friends with an established pattern of involvement may visit hospitals, personal care homes and long-term residential care facilities for any length of time. General visitors are permitted indoors for shorter periods in certain situations with precautions. Outdoor visits remain preferred and are only limited by the ability to maintain physical distancing.

For detailed information regarding the mandatory use of masks in public spaces please [click here](#).

BUSINESSES MUST OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER AND IN A MANNER THAT PREVENTS TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19:

SECTOR	NEW RESTRICTIONS UNDER RED LEVEL
Gathering sizes	No change: public and private group gathering sizes limited to 5 , in addition to household. Limiting contacts from outside household is strongly encouraged.
Restaurants & Bars	Closed; take-out, drive-thru and delivery only
Retail	Grocery stores and pharmacies at 50 per cent capacity (no change). Non-food retail capacity reduced to 25 per cent or five people, whichever is higher (not including employees). eService, pick-up or delivery recommended whenever possible. Encourage limiting the number of people from each household who go shopping.
Schools	No change: Blended learning required for grades 9 to 12. Voluntary blended learning temporarily available for kindergarten to Grade 8. Schools are advised to ensure as much physical distancing as possible (two metres). Cohorts or remote/blended learning is required when this is not possible.
Health Care System	Elective and non-urgent surgery and diagnostic services may be postponed. Urgent and emergency surgeries, procedures and diagnostic services will continue. In-patient visitation to hospitals or health centres will be suspended, with exceptions made on a case-by-case basis for patients receiving end-of-life care, in labour and delivery, as well as in pediatrics. Designated family caregivers may continue to visit personal care homes. General visitation may be suspended with exceptions in place for end of life care. General visitation to outdoor visitation shelters will be implemented, once operational.

SECTOR	NEW RESTRICTIONS UNDER RED LEVEL
Sports & Recreation Activities	All recreational facilities, group sports, arcades, bowling, etc. suspended. All indoor and outdoor sport facilities closed.
Gyms & Fitness	Reduced capacity to 25 per cent. Mask mandatory, even while exercising.
Casinos & VLTs	Casinos must close (no change). VLTs and gaming establishments also closed.
Museums, Galleries & Libraries	All must close.
One-time or Occasional Outdoor Events	Group sizes limited to cohorts of five.
Movies Theatres & Concert Halls	All must close.
Community, Cultural & Religious Gatherings	15 per cent capacity or 100 people, whichever is lower.
Personal Services	50 per cent capacity (no change)

Public Health officials may place individual sectors, regions or facilities in an elevated response level. For more detailed guidance, including restrictions and recommendations for specific workplaces, visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/guidelines.html.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO NORTHERN MANITOBA AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES

With the increased number of cases in southern Manitoba, public health is re-implementing travel restrictions to Northern Manitoba and remote communities, effective Friday, Sept. 4, 2020.

- The public health order includes exemptions for the following people, if they have no symptoms of COVID-19:
 - people who live in or a person permanently moving to Northern Manitoba or a remote community;
 - people who work for the federal or provincial governments, a Crown corporation, other government agencies or a child and family services agency;
 - health providers travelling to provide health care services or people travelling for emergency medical purposes;

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- educational professionals, including teachers or professors, and students travelling to work at/attend schools or post-secondary institutions;
- people who own, operate or work for a business and are travelling to deliver goods, provide services or operate the business;
- travel for trials/judicial proceedings; and
- travel for parenting arrangements.
- In addition, people can travel to and from to a cottage, cabin, provincial park, campground or hunting/fishing lodge in Northern Manitoba if they have no symptoms of COVID-19. They must limit the use of local services while travelling to and staying at their final destination. They must travel there as directly as possible based on the means of transportation used. This means that if they plan to drive there, they must drive directly there. However, for more remote locations, they may drive or fly to a northern city to be transported to their final destination.
- People can also travel to Churchill and the surrounding area if they have no symptoms of COVID-19 and limit the use of local services while they are travelling there. They must travel there as directly as possible. This means they may fly directly to Churchill, or drive or fly to another northern city and then be transported to Churchill by train.
- Visitors to Manitoba who must self-isolate for 14 days must not travel to Northern Manitoba or a remote community until they are done self-isolating in southern Manitoba.
- People travelling to Northern Manitoba on a public vehicle (such as a bus, train or plane) must wear a mask that covers their mouth, nose and chin. For a list of exceptions, view the orders.
- In addition to the orders, all travellers are asked to respect any restrictions that First Nation communities have in place, as these communities are working with the advice of public health officials to ensure the health and safety of their residents.
- For detailed information, view [the orders](#).

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL GUIDANCE FOR ENTERING AND LEAVING THE PROVINCE

Non-essential travel outside of Manitoba is strongly discouraged. Exceptions exist for certain critical needs like health care and transporting important goods and services.

Fourteen days of self-isolation is required people returning or coming to Manitoba from all jurisdictions except, western and northern Canada and northwest Ontario.

Individuals who travelled internationally or domestically (east of Terrace Bay, ON) must go into mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) for 14 days from the date of arrival to Manitoba. If individuals do not have symptoms, exceptions to mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) include:

- persons transporting goods and materials into or out of the province;
- rail, airline and transport crews;
- health care providers;
- persons providing vital services (i.e. police officers, emergency service personnel, corrections officers, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, social service workers and elected officials and their staffs);
- persons who are essential to maintaining essential services;
- persons travelling into Manitoba for emergency medical purposes;
- persons travelling into Manitoba to facilitate shared parenting arrangements;

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- players, coaches, managers, training and technical staff and medical personnel employed by, or affiliated with, a professional sports team based in Manitoba;
- cast, crew and other persons directly involved in a film production; and
- people who have completed a period of isolation elsewhere in Canada and travel directly to Manitoba immediately after their isolation period ends.

Individuals who are exempted from mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following their arrival to Manitoba. If symptoms develop, they should immediately isolate and get tested for COVID-19. Individuals can also connect with their workplace's occupational safety and health unit.

CONFIRMED CASES AND CLOSE CONTACTS:

- Individuals identified as having COVID-19 or a close contact of someone with COVID-19 must immediately enter mandatory isolation/self-isolation (quarantine) until public health officials advise they can end isolation/self-isolation (quarantine).
- Household members or close contacts of a person or persons with COVID-19 must immediately go into mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) for 14 days from the last date of exposure and call Health Links--Info Santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) if they develop symptoms.

NOTE: There may be additional restrictions in force province additional public health orders in effect businesses within your region.

For the most current information on sector based guidance for the current Caution Level for your area please [click here](#).

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