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New Provincial COVID Regulations – Enhanced Zones (including Edson at this time)

Edson, Alberta, November 12th, 2020 – The Edson Zone (Central Yellowhead County) is now listed as having 2 active cases, 4 recovered, and 1 death. That's a total of 7 cases for this local geographic area.

In the status map, the Town of Edson falls under Yellowhead County. The Yellowhead County zone IS under the Enhanced category and, therefore, we do fall under the new mandatory and voluntary restrictions put in place by the Province (listed below). Yellowhead County zone now has 12 active cases, 16 recovered, and 2 deaths.

WATCH LIST RESTRICTIONS

Implemented as of November 13th, all residents and visitors of communities on the watch list have new restrictions in place:

These measures apply to all communities on the enhanced list (purple zones). Additional measures apply to the Calgary area and Edmonton area, and the cities of Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge and Red Deer.

Mandatory measures

- Restaurants, bars, lounges and pubs must stop liquor sales by 10pm and close by 11pm - applies to Class A, B or C licences (Nov 13-27).
- 15-person limit on social and family gatherings - indoors and outdoors - where people are mixing and mingling.
- 50-person limit on indoor and outdoor wedding ceremonies and funeral services.
- Faith-based gatherings limited to 1/3 capacity at one time.

Voluntary measures

- No social gatherings inside your home or outside of your community. Instead, socialize outdoors or in structured settings, like restaurants or other business that are subject to legal limits and take steps to prevent transmission.
- Limit of 3 cohorts: your core household, your school, and one other sport or social cohort. Young children who attend child care can be part of 4 cohorts.
- Wear a mask in all indoor work settings, except when alone in a workspace or an appropriate barrier is in place.
- Employers in office settings should implement measures to reduce the number of employees in the workplace at one time.

<https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>

<https://www.alberta.ca/maps/covid-19-status-map.htm>

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of physical/social distancing and mass gathering limits. If you are experiencing ANY symptoms of COVID-19, stay home. It's up to us to help control the spread. Masks are not mandatory in Edson at this time, however, are recommended where physical distancing requirements cannot be met. The Emergency Coordination Centre is meeting regularly and reviewing all guidelines, including the mandatory facial covering bylaw.

For more information on the Town of Edson's response, some of the rules and regulations in place, supports available to residents and businesses, and links to Provincial and Federal data, please visit our website at www.edson.ca/covid.

For the Provincial Health Guidelines and information, including the COVID-19 Assessment Tool and test information, please visit www.alberta.ca/covid19

Unless otherwise indicated, measures are in place until we see less stress on our health care system.

	All purple zone areas	Calgary Area ¹	Edmonton Area ¹	Fort McMurray	Grande Prairie	Lethbridge	Red Deer
No social gatherings inside your home or outside of your community	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15-person limit on family & social gatherings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Limit of 3 cohorts, plus child care	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mask use encouraged in all indoor workplaces	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Employers in office settings to reduce employees in the workplace at one time	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Restaurants/pubs stop liquor sales by 10pm, close by 11pm (Nov 13-27) ²	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ban on indoor group fitness classes & team sports (Nov 13-27) ³	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ban on group singing, dancing & performing activities (Nov 13-27) ⁴	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50-person limit on wedding and funeral services (indoor & outdoor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Faith-based gatherings limited to 1/3 capacity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

1. See list of affected communities in the [Calgary area](#) and the [Edmonton area](#).

2. Applies to Class A, B and C licences.

3. Does not include outdoor sports, individual sports, exercise, training or equipment use, or junior, collegiate, university or professional sports.

4. Does not include professional performance venues.

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