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Repsol Place Changes / New Provincial COVID Regulations

Edson, Alberta, November 25th, 2020 – The Edson Zone (Central Yellowhead County) is now listed as having 9 active cases, 6 recovered, and 1 death. That's a total of 16 cases to date for this region.

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 some new restrictions put in place by the Province (listed below). Yellowhead County zone now has 14 active cases, 29 recovered, and 2 deaths.

CHANGES AT REPSOL

With new Provincial restrictions in place (see below), there are some changes coming to Repsol Place programming. Sports/team practices/group classes are not allowed under the temporary restrictions. The Provincial sports restrictions go into effect Friday. Watch for new arena/pool schedules soon.

Aquatics

- All group classes are cancelled at this time. Private one-on-one lessons will continue.
- Private Rentals (households only) will be allowed at a special rate
- Lane Swimming availability will be increased

Arenas

- Private Skating Rentals will be made available (households only)
- No team games/practices allowed (unless special exemption is received from the Province)

NEW PROVINCIAL RESTRICTIONS (get full details at <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>)

A state of public health emergency is being declared to bring in aggressive new measures to address growing cases, starting Nov. 24.

Mandatory restrictions apply across Alberta:

- No indoor social gatherings in any setting
- 10-person limit on outdoor gatherings
- 10-person limit for wedding and funeral services, no receptions permitted
- Working from home should be considered, where possible
- Changes to in-person learning schedules for K-12 students
 - Grades 7-12 students
 - Move to at-home learning Nov. 30 to Jan. 8, except during winter break
 - Resume in-person classes Jan. 11

- Diploma exams are optional for rest of the school year. Students and families can choose to write an exam or receive an exemption for the January, April, June and August 2021 exams.
 - Grades K-6 students (including Early Childhood Services)
 - Continue in-person learning until their scheduled winter break (generally Dec. 18*)
 - Move to at-home learning after the winter break until Jan. 8
 - Resume in-person classes Jan. 11

Additional restrictions apply to regions on the enhanced list (including Yellowhead County/Edson):

- Business, service, and sport restrictions start Nov. 27 (<https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>)
- Places of worship limited to 1/3 of normal attendance, masks required

Edson’s Mandatory Facial Covering Bylaw law is still in effect. Masks are required in all indoor, or substantially enclosed Public Place or in any Public Transportation Vehicle. More details at www.edson.ca/bylaws.

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

New measures at a glance

Unless otherwise stated, the following mandatory restrictions come into effect Nov. 24 and will be in place for at least three weeks.

Measures	All Alberta	Enhanced (purple) Areas ¹	Calgary Area ²	Edmonton Area ²
No indoor social gatherings in any setting	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor gatherings max of 10	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wedding and funeral services max of 10, no receptions permitted	✓	✓	✓	✓
No festivals or events	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grades 7-12 at-home learning Nov 30-Jan 11	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grades K-6 at-home learning Dec 18-Jan 11	✓	✓	✓	✓
Working from home should be considered, where possible	✓	✓	✓	✓
Places of worship at 1/3 normal attendance	✗	✓	✓	✓
Restricted access to some businesses and services starting Nov. 27	✗	✓	✓	✓
Mandatory masks for indoor workplaces	✗	✗	✓	✓

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