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# News Release

## Enhanced Provincial Restrictions – Risk Level

**\*\*Updated May 6<sup>th</sup> after clarification from the province regarding Rec Facilities.**

**Edson, Alberta, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – New, enhanced, public health measures have been enacted by the Province. This includes changes to in-person/online schooling, retail limits, personal and wellness service closures, indoor recreation space closures, new gathering restrictions, and more. Some of these measures are province-wide, and others are limited to “high case regions” with 30 or more active cases and at least 50 cases per 100,000 people. Edson is included in this category as we fall under the Yellowhead County zone which, as of May 4<sup>th</sup>, has 33 active cases and 169.3 cases per 100,000 people.

For a full list of Provincial restrictions and the effective dates, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>.

Currently, Edson’s Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) is operating under high risk profile due to the continuous spread in our community and extremely high spread in some of our neighbouring communities. This will remain in effect for at least the next three weeks while the enhanced Provincial measures are in place. For more information on the ECC and the Strategic Operational Plan, please visit [www.edson.ca/ecc](http://www.edson.ca/ecc).

The new restrictions will have the following impact of Town of Edson operations:

- Repsol Place will be closed effective May 7<sup>th</sup> to adhere to the new restrictions on indoor recreation spaces. This includes the pool and arena spaces.
- The Civic Centre and Public Works Building will be closed to the public starting May 10<sup>th</sup>. Online payment options can be found on our website. <https://www.edson.ca/departments/corporate-services/billing-faq>.
- Increased monitoring of public outdoor spaces to ensure Public Health Guidelines are being met regarding gathering limits and distancing. We want to keep outdoor spaces such as the skate park and playgrounds open, so we ask that residents respect the guidelines currently in place.

The ECC will continue to meet (virtually) weekly at this time to evaluate the Provincial orders and how they further impact Town of Edson operations, as well as to continue to develop and implement relaunch and recovery initiatives.

More information on Edson’s COVID-19 response can be found at [www.edson.ca/covid](http://www.edson.ca/covid).

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