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Provincial Restriction Changes

Edson, Alberta, June 1st, 2021 – A number of changes come into effect today as the Provincial Government has moved to Step 1 of their “Open for Summer” plan.

Stage 1: Two weeks after 50% of Albertans 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) have received at least one dose, and hospitalizations are below 800 and declining. Effective June 1.

- Places of worship – 15% of fire code occupancy (effective May 28)
- Outdoor social gatherings – up to 10 people (indoor social gatherings still not permitted)
- Outdoor physical, performance and recreation activities – up to 10 distanced people, all ages
- Personal and wellness services – re-open, by appointment only
- Funeral services – up to 20 people, not including facility staff, funeral clergy or organizers not considered guests (receptions remain prohibited)
- Wedding ceremonies – up to 10 people, including officiant, bride/groom, witnesses (receptions remain prohibited)
- Restaurants – 4 people per table max, outdoors, households only or 2 close contact for those living alone
- Retail - 15% of fire code occupancy (must maintain ability to distance)
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect.

Repsol Place

Repsol Place remains closed at this time. More details on the reopening plan is expected prior to Stage 2 being launched.

Outdoor Spaces

Residents are encouraged to get outdoors and enjoy Edson’s many outdoor spaces and activities. Parks crews have been busy getting facilities open and ready for an increase in use over the summer months. Please help keep the spaces safe and clean for all residents to enjoy. The Kinsmen Spray Park is now open today for the season from 10am to 8pm daily. Vision Park and other spaces are also being prepped for use as Provincial guidelines allow.

The Alberta Government’s Stage 2 is expected to go into effect June 10th. For more details on the plan, please visit. <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>

Please keep in mind that, while the Provincial restrictions are changing, Edson is still operating in a “High Risk” profile with over 30 cases (36 as of end of day May 30th) in our local geographic area. There are no differences in restrictions, but we ask all residents and visitors to take extra care to follow the provincial regulations, continue wearing your masks in all indoor public spaces, wash your hands often, and stay home when sick.

Vaccine Information

LATEST VACCINE INFORMATION – <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>

The graphic is titled "Alberta OPEN FOR SUMMER PLAN" and is divided into three stages of reopening, each triggered 2 weeks after a vaccine threshold is reached.

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Triggered 2 weeks after vaccine threshold is reached	Triggered 2 weeks after vaccine threshold is reached	Triggered 2 weeks after vaccine threshold is reached
Albertans 12+ with first dose 50% Hospitalizations under 800	Albertans 12+ with first dose 60% Hospitalizations under 500	Albertans 12+ with first dose 70%
June 1	Mid-June	Early-July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 10 people for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> indoor weddings, outdoor social gatherings, outdoor physical, performance and recreational activities are permitted for all ages, outdoor youth sports, performance and recreation training are permitted in distanced groups Indoor social gatherings are still not permitted Outdoor patio dining of tables up to four people – Household and close contacts only Funerals up to 20 people Personal and wellness services can re-open, by appointment only Capacity for places of worship increases to 15% of fire code occupancy (effective May 28) Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor social gatherings plus indoor and outdoor weddings and funerals increase to 20 people, with distancing plus public outdoor gatherings up to 150 people Retail capacity and capacity for places of worship increases to one third of fire code occupancy Restaurants may seat tables of up to six people, indoors or outdoors. Gyms and other indoor fitness open for solo and drop in activities with 3 metre distancing between participants, fitness classes may resume with 3 metre distancing Indoors and outdoors youth and adult sports resume with no restrictions Indoor settings may open with up to 30% of fire code occupancy (including indoor recreation centres, arenas, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, libraries, etc.) Youth activities (day camps, play centres) may resume, with restrictions Personal and wellness services can resume walk-in services Post-secondary can resume in-person The work from home order is lifted, although working from home is still recommended Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All remaining public health restrictions lifted No restrictions on indoor social gatherings Isolation requirements for those with COVID-19 and measures in continuing care settings still in place

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