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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

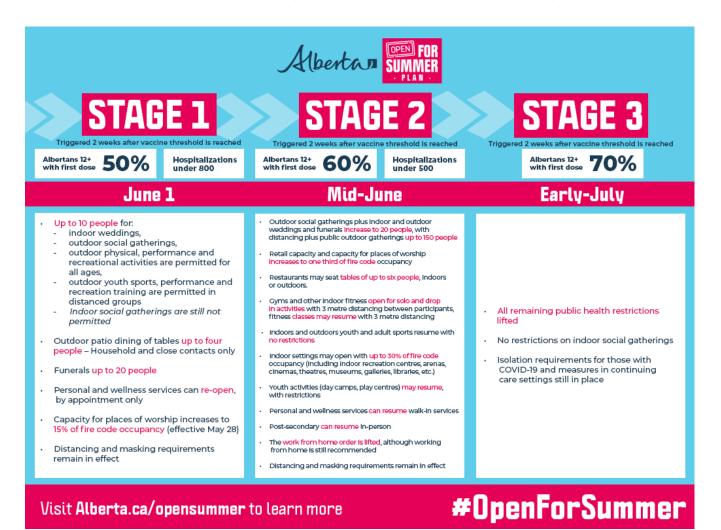
Residents are encouraged to get outdoors and enjoy Edson's many outdoor spaces and activities. Parks crews have been busy getting facilities open and ready for an increase in use over the summer months. Please help keep the spaces safe and clean for all residents to enjoy. The Kinsmen Spray Park is now 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. <u>https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx</u>

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 – <u>https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx</u>



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