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Provincial Restriction Changes – Stage 2

Edson, Alberta, June 9th, 2021 – Step 2 of the Alberta Government's "Open for Summer" plan comes into effect June 10th. The following is how the changes impact the Town of Edson operations, as well as a detailed list of the overall Provincial changes.

Repsol Place

Repsol Place is scheduled to open on June 14th. Hours and capacity will still have limitations as staff are brought back in and restrictions are eased. Monday to Friday the hours will be 6am to 1pm and 5pm to 9pm. Weekend hours are 9am to 6:30pm. For the full programming schedule and how to register, visit www.edson.ca/repsol-place. Pre-registration will still be required for some programs.

Other Edson Facilities

With great care for public safety protocols, other Town facilities will also be reopening to the public.

Starting June 10th, the Civic Centre, Public Works Building, and administrative area of the Protective Services Building (Fire Hall) will be open for walk-in customers, Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm. Pre-booked appointments, virtual meetings, and online payments are still the preferred options at this time.

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.

Vision Park is opening 12 diamonds for league/public use this summer and the Kinsmen Spray Park is now open for use.

Alberta's Open for Summer Stage 2

Stage 2: Two weeks after 60% of Albertans 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) have received at least one dose, and hospitalizations are below 500 and declining.

- Outdoor social gatherings – up to 20 people with distancing (indoor social gatherings still not permitted)

- Indoor recreation, entertainment and other settings (rec centres, arenas, casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, libraries, etc.) – open at 1/3 of fire code occupancy
- Gyms and fitness studios – open for solo and drop-in activities and indoor fitness classes with 3 metre distancing
- Funeral services – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only)
- Wedding ceremonies – up to 20 people, indoors and outdoors (receptions permitted outdoors only)
- Places of worship – 1/3 of fire code occupancy
- Personal and wellness services – resume walk-in service
- Post-secondary – resume in-person learning
- Restaurants – 6 people per table max, indoors or outdoors
- Retail – 1/3 of fire code occupancy (must maintain ability to distance)
- Youth activities (day camps, overnight camps, play centres) – resume with restrictions
- Youth and adult sports – resume with no restrictions, indoors and outdoors
- Outdoor public gatherings (concerts/festivals) – up to 150 people
- Outdoor fixed seating facilities (grandstands) – 1/3 seated capacity
- Work from home order is lifted but still recommended
- Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect

The Alberta Government's Stage 3 is expected to go into effect 2 weeks after 70% of Albertans have received their first dose of vaccine. For more details on the plan, please visit.
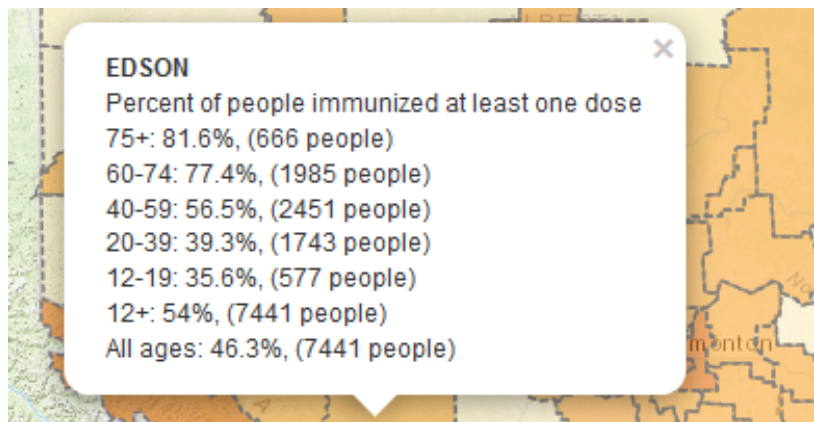https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx

Please keep in mind that, while the Provincial restrictions are changing, Edson is still operating in a "Medium Risk" profile with 20 active cases as of end of day June 7th in our local geographic area. Edson has no additional 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

Anyone 12+ is eligible for their first dose now. 2nd doses have been opened up in a staged approach based on when the first dose was given. For more details visit
https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx

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Percent of people immunized at least one dose
75+: 81.6%, (666 people)
60-74: 77.4%, (1985 people)
40-59: 56.5%, (2451 people)
20-39: 39.3%, (1743 people)
12-19: 35.6%, (577 people)
12+: 54%, (7441 people)
All ages: 46.3%, (7441 people)

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