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Provincial Restriction Changes – Stage 3

Edson, Alberta, June 30th, 2021 – Stage 3 of the Alberta Government’s “Open for Summer” plan comes into effect July 1st. 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 remain open with less restrictions on capacity. The new schedule begins Friday, July 2nd and majority of the programs are drop in with the exception of Morning & Evening Lane Swim. Please note registration will be required for evening Aqua Fit for July 6th & 8th only, drop in will resume for this program after these dates. There are no swim lessons at this time and may be some capacity limits due to reduced staffing. For the full programming schedule, visit www.edson.ca/repsol-place.

Other Edson Facilities

With great care for public safety protocols, other Town facilities remain open to the public.

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.

Masks are still recommended, but not mandated inside these spaces for the public. As a health and safety measure, all Town of Edson staff will still be masking while indoors and away from their workstations.

Outdoor Spaces

Residents are encouraged to get outdoors and enjoy Edson’s many outdoor spaces and activities. Please help keep the spaces safe and clean for all residents to enjoy.

Note - Kinsmen Spray Park is temporarily closed due to the water ban.

Masks

The Town of Edson’s Mandatory Facial Covering Bylaw expired at the end of March. As such, we are currently following provincial guidelines for mask use. As of July 1st, the Provincial mask mandate will be lifted, except in limited and specific settings.

Alberta's Open for Summer Stage 2

Stage 3: Two weeks after 70% of Albertans 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) have received at least one dose. Effective July 1.

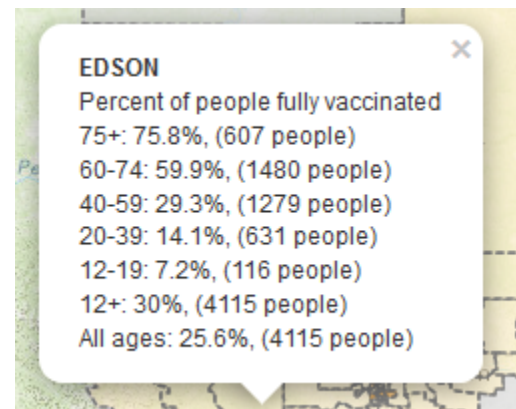
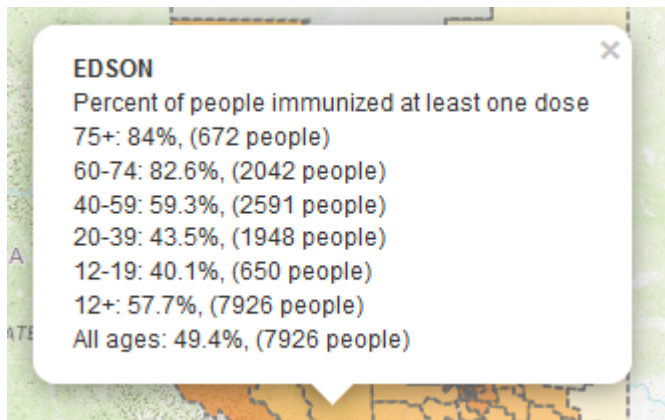
- All restrictions lifted, including ban on indoor social gatherings.
- Isolation requirements for confirmed cases of COVID-19 and some protective measures in continuing care settings remain.
- The general indoor provincial mask mandate will be lifted, but masking may still be required in limited and specific settings.

Edson is currently operating in a "Low Risk" profile with 4 active cases as of end of day June 28th in our local geographic area. Edson has no additional restrictions, but we ask all residents and visitors to continue following the remaining health precautions. Consider wearing a mask indoors where distancing cannot be maintained, wash your hands often, and stay home when sick.

Vaccine Information

Anyone 12+ is eligible for their first and second doses now. For more details visit <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>.

While the Province has 72.7% of age 12+ with a first dose, the Edson zone is lagging behind at 57.7%. Just 30% of 12+ in the Edson zone are fully vaccinated. We encourage everyone to consider booking your shot as soon as possible and help protect yourself from severe illness.



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