

# PUBLIC HEALTH CRITERIA FOR BUSINESSES, EMPLOYERS AND FACILITIES FOR ONTARIO'S RESTART PHASE: A TOOL FOR MUNICIPAL PARTNERS

ANNEX A TO *CONSIDERATIONS FOR RE-OPENING GREY BRUCE*



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The following checklist is designed to be used by municipal sectors to document their state of readiness for re-opening Grey Bruce<sup>1</sup>. It is organized into sections based on the three stages outlined in Phase 2 of Ontario's Framework for Reopening. Space is provided for municipal partners to make notes about current state of readiness and potential mitigation strategies.

The checklist incorporates the categories for consideration proposed in the *Considerations for Re-opening Grey Bruce* document. Please note that these categories may move to a different stage as Ontario releases additional details about reopening. Any businesses that have been permitted to begin operations as per Government of Ontario announcement have been added with date of announcement. Contents are intended to provide general information and are not comprehensive.

Sector-specific Health and Safety guidelines for preparation for reopening can be found [here](#).

This is a living document that will continue to be updated as new evidence and practices emerge and as the Ontario Government releases additional reopening details. When referring to this document, please be sure it is the most current version.

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**STAGE 1**

- Open select workplaces, allow some small gatherings.
- For businesses that were ordered to close or restrict operations, opening select workplaces that can immediately meet or modify operations to meet public health guidance and occupational health and safety requirements (e.g., curbside pick-up or delivery).
- Opening some outdoor spaces like parks and allow for a greater number of individuals to attend some events, such as funerals.
- Continued protections for vulnerable populations and the continued practice of physical distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene, and significant mitigation plans to limit health risks. Hospitals beginning to offer some non-urgent and scheduled surgeries and other health care services.

Stage 1	Public Health Criteria and Considerations for Businesses, Employers, and Facilities	Notes for Users (Municipal Partner Current State of Readiness and Potential Mitigation Strategies)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop and implement appropriate policies in accordance with municipal, provincial and federal regulations and guidance regarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing</li> <li>• Protective equipment</li> <li>• Screening assessment to enter work (potential temperature monitoring)</li> <li>• Sanitation</li> <li>• Testing</li> <li>• Ensure employees vaccination is up to date, including influenza</li> </ul>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor workforce for indicative symptoms.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by occupational health or a medical examiner.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop and implement policies and procedures for workforce contact tracing following COVID-19 positive test result.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage remote work arrangements whenever possible and feasible.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly consider special accommodations for personnel who are members of a vulnerable population.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop a plan for enforcement that minimizes the imposition of a restriction of liberty and emphasizes altruistic choice of physical distances and self-isolation.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden centres and nurseries with curbside pick-up and delivery only. (Ont. May 4)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn care and landscaping. (Ont. May 4)		

Stage 1	Public Health Criteria and Considerations for Businesses, Employers, and Facilities	Notes for Users (Municipal Partner Current State of Readiness and Potential Mitigation Strategies)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional essential construction projects that include: shipping/logistics; broadband/telecommunications/digital infrastructure; projects supporting improved delivery of goods/services; municipal projects; child care centres; schools; site preparation, excavation, and servicing for institutional, commercial, industrial and residential development (Ont. May 4)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic and self-serve car washes. (Ont. May 4)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto dealerships by appointment only. (Ont. May 4)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider golf courses with physical distancing, restrictions to rental of carts, no common facilities (clubhouse, washrooms, food/beverage sale), pre-booked tee times no less than 20mins apart, no use of putting greens or driving range. Cups above ground. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Golf courses for preparation for upcoming season, but not open to public. (Ont. May 4)</li> </ul>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider boat launches and fishing with vessel occupants from same household. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marinas for preparation for boating season by servicing boats/watercraft, placing in water, but not open to public. Must be secured to dock in marina until public access allowed. (Ont. May 4)</li> </ul>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider select outdoor spaces including parks, trails, walking paths, dog parks with physical distancing signage and restricted used of play structures, splash pads, equipment, recreational sport activities.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider campgrounds with advanced reservation, 50% occupancy, no adjacent sites occupied, and all common facilities (e.g., washrooms, laundry, stores, firewood) closed.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider libraries open for book loans by reservation (preferred) or in-library with physical distancing. No programming, quarantining books between borrows for 24h.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider small gatherings outside the home including attendance at funerals.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider additional retailers able to modify operations to meet health and safety requirements through methods such as curbside pick-up or delivery.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider businesses entailing primarily item drop-off and pickup, such as repair shops may operate (e.g., watch repair, appliance repair, shoe repair).	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider businesses performing work on the exterior of buildings and structures may operate (e.g., masonry repointing, window cleaning, exterior painting, gutter cleaning, siding installation).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consider stores currently restricted to alternative methods of sale may open (e.g., hardware, vehicle parts and supplies, pet and animal supplies, office supplies and computer products/repair, safety supplies).		

**STAGE 2**

- Opening more workplaces, based on risk assessments, which may include some service industries, and additional office and retail workplaces.
- Opening more outdoor spaces and allowing some larger public gatherings.
- Continued protections for vulnerable populations and the continued practice of physical distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene, and significant mitigation plans to limit health risks.

Stage 2	Public Health Criteria and Considerations for Businesses, Employers, and Facilities	Notes for Users (Municipal Partner Current State of Readiness and Potential Mitigation Strategies)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider small stores, with limited number of people, reduced hours and increased cleaning/disinfection protocols (if not already considered in Phase 1).	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider personal service settings (e.g., hair salons, barbers) with limited number of clients, time between appointments for cleaning, use of mask by stylist and customer.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider public pools with special attention to maintenance of PH/chemical balances given belief that virus floats on surface of water.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider gyms and fitness studios with scheduled bookings for use, increased cleaning protocols and use of masks. Special attention to ‘super spreader’ possibility given evidence of activities (i.e., choir practices) that increase rate and depth of respiration.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider sit-down restaurants with decreased capacity to increase distancing, masks for staff and increased cleaning protocols. Special attention to high-touch surfaces and possibility of no high velocity fans, or AC units.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider possibility of beaches with groups limited to 10, minimum 6ft between groups.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider playground structures, skate parks, athletic fields, picnic sites and shelters with special attention to cleaning of surfaces.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider religious and spiritual gatherings with special attention to engagement with faith leaders including the Amish (home worship) and Mennonite Community (shared community spaces).	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider businesses performing non-emergency work on the interior of buildings and structures may operate (e.g. plumbing, electrical, painting for renovations and home improvements).	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider maintenance, repair and property management services for buildings and properties may operate.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider regulated health professionals for non-emergency visits, including dentists, optometrists, chiropractic services, ophthalmologists, physical and occupational therapists and podiatrists may operate.	

**STAGE 3**

- Opening all workplaces responsibly
- Further relaxing the restrictions on public gatherings. Large public gatherings such as concerts and sporting events will continue to be restricted for the foreseeable future.
- Continued protections for vulnerable populations and the continued practice of physical distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene, and significant mitigation plans to limit health risks.

Stage 3	Public Health Criteria and Considerations for Businesses, Employers, and Facilities	Notes for Users (Municipal Partner Current State of Readiness and Potential Mitigation Strategies)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider bars with limits to number of people and increased cleaning/disinfection.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider movie theatres with social distancing by pre-booking seats, at least 2 seats between individuals or household groups.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider summer camps with protocols for screening attendees. *Practices and recommendations emerging*	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider schools and daycares open. *Practices and recommendations emerging*	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider contact and low-contact school sports.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider all retail stores may open.	