

INTRODUCTION:

The Pandemic Response System has been introduced to share the current level of risk, provide public health guidance to Manitobans and explain the range of measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Manitoba. Further, Manitoba's Pandemic Response provides detailed, easy-to-understand direction to residents and businesses at a provincial, regional, sector and facility level

The province will update the provincial response level in response to the spread of the virus and other public health indicators.

SETTING THE RESPONSE LEVEL:

Public health officials monitor key indicators and use the information gathered to guide their recommendations in setting each risk level and responses, including:

- Test positivity levels
- Case number growth rates
- Number of days since positive cases are linked to further transmission
- Contact tracing and the degree to which cases are contained in clusters
- Health system capacity to deal with cases requiring hospitalization or intensive care

For a detailed description of the four levels and what they mean to you, [click here](#) to read Manitoba's COVID-19 Response Level System Summary.



ORANGE: RESTRICTED

Community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring across much of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority region. New clusters are occurring, but can be controlled through self-isolation, testing and contact tracing so they do not spread further. The health care system is currently able to manage COVID-19 case levels, however changes in restrictions and behaviours are required to prevent further level changes.

Individuals in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority region must:

- Wear a mask in all indoor public places and at all gatherings (indoor and outdoor).
- Limit public gatherings to a maximum of 10 people indoors and outdoors.
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing and cough etiquette.
- Follow public health guidance on travel and self-isolation.
- Vulnerable people, such as seniors, are encouraged to exercise additional caution.

Previous provisions in place for all other sectors in this region remain in place. Further direction or additional restrictions may be put in place by public health at any time.

RANGE OF RESPONSE MEASURES

- Gathering sizes will be limited further, based on public health information at the time.
- Further travel restrictions may be in place, based on COVID-19 transmission in other jurisdictions or the risk of COVID-19 being imported into Manitoba.
- Some non-urgent surgeries and diagnostic procedures may be restricted.
- Added restrictions to visitation in hospitals, long-term care, personal care homes, and assisted living facilities may be in place.
- Capacity in child care facilities and home-based providers may be more limited and increased priority toward meeting needs of critical workers.

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- Therapeutic health care businesses, such as chiropractors, physiotherapists, optometrists, podiatrists, therapeutic massage therapists and acupuncturists, may be required to introduce occupancy limits and physical distancing requirements.
- K12 schools may be more restricted by occupancy limits and more requirements for remote learning especially for grades 9-12.
- Post-secondary may be more restricted by occupancy limits and more requirements for remote learning.
- Retail businesses may have added occupancy limits.
- Public food establishments, such as restaurants, cafeterias, cafes may have occupancy limits.
- Bars, lounges and similar establishments may have occupancy limits.
- Casinos may have further occupancy limits.
- Hair stylists/barbers may be able to operate with occupancy limits and physical distancing requirements.
- Museums, galleries and libraries may be able to operate with occupancy limits and physical distancing requirements.
- Outdoor recreation facilities may have more restrictive occupancy limits.
- Day camps may have more restrictive occupancy limits

Public Health officials may place individual sectors, regions or facilities in an elevated response level. For more detailed guidance, including restrictions and recommendations for specific workplaces, visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/guidelines.html.

PROGRESSION OF MEASURES FOR KEY SECTORS BASED ON EXTENT OF PANDEMIC RISK

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>LEVEL GREEN LIMITED RISK</i>	<i>LEVEL YELLOW CAUTION</i>	<i>LEVEL ORANGE RESTRICTED</i>	<i>LEVEL RED CRITICAL</i>
Gatherings	Open	Larger groups that still allow rapid contact tracing	Restricted group sizes that still allow rapid contact tracing	Only small essential groups
Personal and Long-term Care Facilities	Higher number of visitors with tracing	More than one visitor	One visitor with few exceptions	No visitors except absolutely essential
K-12 Schools	Open	Open with occupancy/cohorts required for distancing (some remote learning)	Blended learning: In-class – grades K to 8 Remote – grades 9 to 12	Closed and only remote learning except for K-6 for critical workers
Child Care Facilities	Open	Open with some occupancy controls	Open with occupancy limits	Open with restricted occupancy for essential workers only
Retail and Personal Service	Open	Greater limits on close contact services	Capacity limits	Only E-service, Pick-up or Delivery

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Restaurants	Open	Limits on buffet service	Capacity limits	Only Pick-up or Delivery
Beverage Rooms	Open	Limits in counter service	Capacity limits	Only Pick-up or Delivery
Recreation Facilities	Open	Occupancy Controls for High-Touch Equipment	Capacity limits	Closed
Casino Facilities	Open	Capacity limits	Closed	Closed
Theatres	Open	Capacity limits	Closed	Closed
Travel	No federal restrictions	Some travel restrictions in place depending on rate of virus transmission elsewhere.		

CONFIRMED CASES AND CLOSE CONTACTS:

- Individuals identified as having COVID-19 or a close contact of someone with COVID-19 must immediately enter mandatory isolation/self-isolation (quarantine) until public health officials advise they can end isolation/self-isolation (quarantine).
- Household members or close contacts of a person or persons with COVID-19 must immediately go into mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) for 14 days from the last date of exposure and call Health Links--Info Santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) if they develop symptoms.

For more information on visiting patients at Manitoba hospitals, see:

sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-inpatient-visit-principles.pdf

For more information on visiting in long-term care facilities, see:

sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-pch-visitation-principles.pdf

TRAVEL

- Travel north of the 53rd parallel is not permitted. Some exemptions apply, including Manitobans who live in that region, employees of critical businesses, government officials and health care providers. For more information on other requirements and exemptions, read the [public health order](#) or see the [additional restrictions](#).

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- Travel to communities that are not connected to the provincial highway system by a year-round all-weather road (remote communities) is not permitted. Some exemptions apply, including Manitobans who live in that region, employees of critical businesses, government officials and health care providers. For more information on other requirements and exemptions, read the [public health order](#) or see the [additional restrictions](#).
- Non-essential travel outside of Manitoba is strongly discouraged. Exceptions exist for certain critical needs like health care and transporting important goods and services.
- Fourteen days of self-isolation is required people returning or coming to Manitoba from all jurisdictions except, western and northern Canada and northwest Ontario.
- Individuals who travelled internationally or domestically (east of Terrace Bay, ON) must go into mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) for 14 days from the date of arrival to Manitoba. If individuals do not have symptoms, exceptions to mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) include:
 - persons transporting goods and materials into or out of the province;
 - rail, airline and transport crews;
 - health care providers;
 - persons providing vital services (i.e. police officers, emergency service personnel, corrections officers, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, social service workers and elected officials and their staffs);
 - persons who are essential to maintaining essential services;
 - persons travelling into Manitoba for emergency medical purposes;
 - persons travelling into Manitoba to facilitate shared parenting arrangements;
 - players, coaches, managers, training and technical staff and medical personnel employed by, or affiliated with, a professional sports team based in Manitoba;
 - cast, crew and other persons directly involved in a film production; and
 - people who have completed a period of isolation elsewhere in Canada and travel directly to Manitoba immediately after their isolation period ends.
- Individuals who are exempted from mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following their arrival to Manitoba. If symptoms develop, they should immediately isolate and get tested for COVID-19. Individuals can also connect with their workplace's occupational safety and health unit.

NOTE: There may be additional restrictions in force province additional public health orders in effect businesses within your region.

For the most current information on sector based guidance for the current Caution Level for your area please [click here](#).

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for your business at jointhechamber.ca**