

INTRODUCTION:

The Pandemic Response System shares 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 Northern Regional Health Authority and Churchill. 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 Northern Regional Health Authority and Churchill must:

- Wear a mask in all indoor public places and at all gatherings (indoor and outdoor).
- Limit public gatherings to a maximum of **5 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.

For detailed information regarding the mandatory use of masks in public spaces please [click here](#).

NORTHERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY AND CHURCHILL PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS ON GATHERINGS AND MANDATORY MASK USE - Effective as of Monday, October 26th, 2020

Public health orders that apply for the Northern Regional Health Authority and Churchill were issued on October 22nd, 2020 and include restrictions on indoor and outdoor public and private gathering sizes, licensed premises, mandatory mask use, and further targeted measures effective October 26, 2020 as noted.

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These restrictions include:

- Subject to certain exceptions set out in the orders, gathering sizes, both indoors and outdoors, and in public venues and private residences are limited to **5 people**. This includes weddings, funerals, banquets, receptions and other events as well as informal gatherings such as dinners and house parties.
- Gatherings involving more than five persons may take place if:
 - (a) the number of persons attending does not exceed 30 per cent of the usual capacity of the place or premises where the gathering is held;
 - (b) the place or premises where the gathering is held is physically divided into separate areas which contain no more than five persons each; and
 - (c) persons in each area are prevented from coming into close proximity with persons in another area during the gathering as well as when entering or leaving.
- Casinos and bingo halls must close.
- Entertainment facilities with a license under the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act that requires the licensee to present live entertainment must close to members of the public, with the exception of providing food for take-out or delivery.
- Capacity at retail businesses must reduce to 50 per cent, including lowering gathering sizes from 10 to five in food courts and common areas.
- The maximum occupancy of restaurants is limited to 50 per cent of their usual capacity.
- Other licensed businesses must limit occupancy to 50 per cent of their usual capacity.
- The maximum occupancy of personal service businesses is limited to 50 per cent of their usual occupancy or one person for each 10 square metres of the premises that is open to the public, whichever is less.
- Operators of a restaurant or licensed premises, theatre, museum, gallery, library, personal service business, concert hall, or fitness facility are required to keep contact information for members of the public attending their premises and maintain those records for 21 days to support contact tracing. For further information on the businesses that are subject to this requirement, please see [the orders](#).

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS FOR LICENSED PREMISES

- Tables and seating are at least two-metres apart between people sitting at different tables or a non-permeable barrier, and are able to maintain separation of at least two-metres, from other members of the public when they are not seated at a table;
- Seating capacity at any table does not exceed **5 people**;
- Food is not served buffet style;
- The use of hookah or other types of water pipes is prohibited;
- Members of the public are assigned to a table when they enter the licensed premise that has seating for the entire party;
- Staff obtain contact information in writing from at least one person in each party attending the licensed premises and the licensee must retain this information for 21 days, after which it must be destroyed;
- Members of the public are prevented from physically moving tables or seating in the licensed premises;

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- Members of the public are required to be seated at their table, unless they are:
 - travelling to or from washrooms,
 - using video lottery terminals in the licensed premises;
 - briefly interacting with staff at the licensed premises, or
 - entering or leaving the licensed premises;
- No dancing takes place in the licensed premises.
- No sale or service of liquor may take place in licensed premises between 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- The operator of the licensed premises must ensure that all members of the public vacate the licensed premises by 11:00 p.m.
- Licensed premises must be closed for dine-in service between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- The order does not prevent food or liquor from being sold from licensed premises after 11:00 p.m. for delivery or take-out.
- This does not apply to liquor retail.

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.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO NORTHERN MANITOBA AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES

With the increased number of cases in southern Manitoba, public health is re-implementing travel restrictions to Northern Manitoba and remote communities, effective Friday, Sept. 4, 2020.

- The public health order includes exemptions for the following people, if they have no symptoms of COVID-19:
 - people who live in or a person permanently moving to Northern Manitoba or a remote community;
 - people who work for the federal or provincial governments, a Crown corporation, other government agencies or a child and family services agency;
 - health providers travelling to provide health care services or people travelling for emergency medical purposes;
 - educational professionals, including teachers or professors, and students travelling to work/attend schools or post-secondary institutions;
 - people who own, operate or work for a business and are travelling to deliver goods, provide services or operate the business;
 - travel for trials/judicial proceedings; and
 - travel for parenting arrangements.
- In addition, people can travel to and from to a cottage, cabin, provincial park, campground or hunting/fishing lodge in Northern Manitoba if they have no symptoms of COVID-19. They must limit the use of local services while travelling to and staying at their final destination. They must travel there as directly as possible based on the means of transportation used. This means that if they plan to drive there, they must drive directly there. However, for more remote locations, they may drive or fly to a northern city to be transported to their final destination.
- People can also travel to Churchill and the surrounding area if they have no symptoms of COVID-19 and limit the use of local services while they are travelling there. They

must travel there as directly as possible. This means they may fly directly to Churchill, or drive or fly to another northern city and then be transported to Churchill by train.

- Visitors to Manitoba who must self-isolate for 14 days must not travel to Northern Manitoba or a remote community until they are done self-isolating in southern Manitoba.
- People travelling to Northern Manitoba on a public vehicle (such as a bus, train or plane) must wear a mask that covers their mouth, nose, and chin. For a list of exceptions, view the orders.
- In addition to the orders, all travellers are asked to respect any restrictions that First Nation communities have in place, as these communities are working with the advice of public health officials to ensure the health and safety of their residents.
- For detailed information, view [the orders](#).

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR SCHOOLS IN THE NORTHERN REGION AND CHURCHILL

In addition, the following measures will be in place for schools under the Restricted Level (Orange) effective Monday, Oct. 26

- K-8 students may be offered temporary remote learning for the duration of the Restricted level (orange) to create additional space, where required.
- Blended learning (in-class and online) for grades 9 to 12 where distancing cannot be achieved will continue as per status quo.
- Schools must ensure two meters of physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, and adjust classroom space as necessary; excess furniture must be removed from classrooms to create additional space; other spaces within schools must be repurposed to accommodate more distancing (e.g., multipurpose rooms, empty rooms, shared spaces, common areas, and libraries).
- Extracurricular activities are only permitted if all learning and distancing requirements have been met. If these activities continue, established guidelines must be followed and, in the case of sports, participants should maintain distance when not active.
- Teachers and staff who move across cohorts of students, including substitute teachers, are required to wear medical masks. Medical-grade disposable masks have been issued to all schools. N95 masks are not required.
- Indoor choir and the use of wind instruments are not permitted.
- All field trips must be postponed or cancelled.
- All other public health measures are still in effect.

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL GUIDANCE FOR ENTERING AND LEAVING THE PROVINCE

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 for 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 date of arrival to Manitoba. If individuals do not have symptoms, exceptions to mandatory self-isolation include:

- persons transporting goods and materials into or out of the province;
- rail, airline and transport crews;
- health care providers;

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- 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.

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

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

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

Find more **COVID-19 support and other programs and services
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