

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE GREEN – FEBRUARY 2021

This is only a summary of the measures in effect in Ontario. It is not intended to be legal advice or an interpretation of the law. Read the regulations for more details on the requirements for each zone:

- [O. Reg. 364/20](#) (Green–Prevent, Yellow–Protect, and Orange–Restrict)

General public health measures and advice for all zones

General advice

Even if there is no longer a stay-at-home order in your area, staying home is still the best way to protect yourself and others. You are strongly advised to:

- stay home as much as possible
- avoid social gatherings
- limit close contacts to your household
- work from home if possible, and allow your employees to work from home if they can
- avoid travel except for essential reasons

Follow public health advice:

- stay home if you have [symptoms](#), even if they are mild
- wash your hands thoroughly and regularly
- cover your cough
- download the [COVID Alert mobile app](#)
- get tested if you have symptoms compatible with COVID-19, or if you've been advised of exposure by your local public health unit or through the COVID Alert mobile app

Close contact, face coverings, gatherings and events

Limit close contact to your household (the people you live with).

Wear a face covering or mask:

- indoors, any time you are within two metres of someone outside your household
- if physical distancing cannot be maintained
- if wearing one is required

It is also recommended you wear a face covering outdoors whenever face-to-face with someone outside of your household, especially if you are within two metres.

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Wear a face covering and maintain physical distancing when meeting for permitted organized public events or social gatherings with individuals outside of your household.

Follow provincial and local restrictions on public and private gatherings.

Organized public events, social gatherings and wedding, funeral and religious services, rites and ceremonies

- Limits for certain organized public events and social gatherings such as functions, parties, dinners, gatherings, barbeques or wedding receptions held in private residences, backyards, or parks, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 10 people indoors
 - 25 people outdoors
- Limits for organized public events and gatherings in staffed businesses and facilities, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors
 - 100 people outdoors
- Limits for religious services rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, where physical distancing can be maintained (applies in any venue other than a private dwelling):
 - 30% capacity of the room indoors
 - 100 people outdoors

Restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments

- Require patrons to be seated; 2 metres minimum or impermeable barrier required between tables
- No buffet style service
- Line-ups and patrons congregating outside venues managed by venue; 2 metres distance and face covering required
- Face coverings required except when eating or drinking only
- Patron screening (passive)
- Require contact information for one patron per seated party
- Dancing, singing and performing music is permitted, with restrictions
- Karaoke permitted, with restrictions (including no private rooms)
- Personal protective equipment, including eye protection, required when a worker must come within 2 metres of another person who is not wearing a face covering
- Night clubs only permitted to operate as restaurant or bar
- A [safety plan](#) is required to be prepared and made available upon request

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Sports and recreational fitness facilities

- Maintain 2 metres physical distancing, unless engaged in a sport
- Capacity limits per venue, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors or 100 people outdoors in classes
 - 50 people indoors in area with weights or exercise equipment
 - 50 spectators indoors or 100 outdoors
- Capacity limits apply on a per-room basis if operating in compliance with a plan approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health ([Guidance for Facilities for Sport and Recreational Fitness Activities During COVID-19](#))
- Team or individual sports must be modified to avoid physical contact; 50 people per league
- Exemptions for high performance athletes and parasports
- Limit volume of music to be low enough that a normal conversation is possible; measures to prevent shouting by both instructors and members of the public
- Face coverings required except when exercising or playing sports
- Patron screening (passive)
- A [safety plan](#) is required to be prepared and made available upon request

Meeting and event spaces

- Capacity limits per venue, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors or
 - 100 people outdoors
- Booking multiple rooms for the same event not permitted
- Maximum of 50 people per room indoors if venue operates in accordance with the approved plan from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health ([Guidance for Meeting and Event Facilities During COVID-19](#))
- Limits for religious services rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services apply if held in meeting and event spaces:
 - 30% capacity of the room indoors
 - 100 people outdoors
- Exceptions for court and government services
- Patron screening (passive)
- A [safety plan](#) is required to be prepared and made available upon request

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Retail

New for Green-Prevent as of February 2021:

- Stores must have passive screening for patrons (for example, posting signs outside the store front about not entering if you have COVID-19 symptoms)
 - This does not apply to indoor malls, which will have to do screening in accordance with [instructions by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health](#)
- A [safety plan](#) is required to be prepared and made available upon request
- Fitting rooms must be limited to non-adjacent stalls
- Line-ups and patrons congregating outside venues managed by venue; 2 metres distance and face covering required

Personal care services

- Oxygen bars, steam rooms and saunas closed
- Patron screening (passive)
- A [safety plan](#) is required to be prepared and made available upon request

Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments

- Maximum of 50 people per facility permitted, where physical distancing can be maintained
- Table games are prohibited
- Patron screening (passive)
- A [safety plan](#) is required to be prepared and made available upon request

Cinemas

- Capacity limits per venue, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors or
 - 100 outdoors
- 50 people per indoor auditorium if cinema operates in accordance with the approved plan from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health ([Guidance for Movie Theatres During COVID-19](#))
- Face coverings except when eating or drinking only
- Drive-in cinemas permitted to operate, subject to restrictions

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Performing arts facilities

- Capacity limits per venue, where physical distancing can be maintained:
 - 50 people indoors or
 - 100 outdoors
- Singers and players of wind or brass instruments must be separated from spectators by plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier
- Rehearsal or performing a recorded or broadcasted event permitted
- Performers and employees must maintain 2 metres physical distance except for purposes of the performance
- Drive-in performances permitted
- Patron screening (passive)
- A [safety plan](#) is required to be prepared and made available upon request