

A Path Forward: Yukon's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions

Our goal is a phased approach to easing restrictions, while staying safe from the pandemic. At all times we aim to contain the spread of COVID-19 and stop its importation to the territory. Because the situation is rapidly evolving and because so many of the actions Yukon takes will be informed by COVID-19 conditions in other provinces, territories and neighbouring jurisdictions, this Yukon plan is a living document.

Decisions about when and how to move forwards or backwards will be guided by six key criteria:

1. Yukoners are following the public health orders, directions and the 6 steps to staying safe.
2. Preventative measures and guidelines are in place and being complied with.
3. High capacity for testing and contact tracing is available.
4. Travel restrictions and self-isolation measures are keeping Yukon safe.
5. Health system capacity is meeting current needs and prepared to respond to changing conditions.
6. There is no community-spread of COVID-19.

| Public health measures | Phases for reopening | | | | |
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| | Phase 0 (Response) | Phase 1 (Current Phase): May 15 - June 30 | Phase 2 (Recover): July 1 – to be determined | Phase 3 (New normal): To be determined | Phase 4 (Post-vaccine) |
| | Important note: Any future dates for phases subject to change based on the six key criteria. Steps within each phase will be gradual. | | | | |
| | Phase 0 (Response) Aim: Limited businesses and services operating and reduced movement within Yukon to contain the spread of the virus. | Phase 1 (Current Phase): May 15 - June 30 Aim: Safely ease public health measures and reopen businesses and services. Border controls remain tight, but movement within Yukon eases. | Phase 2 (Recover): July 1 – to be determined Aim: Continue to safely ease public health measures and prepare to ease some border control measures. | Phase 3 (New normal): To be determined Aim: Focus on long-term sustainability and living safely with COVID-19. | Phase 4 (Post-vaccine) Yukon will move to Phase 4 once a vaccine is ready or an alternative public health approach is available. |
| Borders and self-isolation requirements | Restricted entry to Yukon: closed to non-essential travel and non-residents with few exceptions. Mandatory 14-day self-isolation. | Restricted entry to Yukon continued. Mandatory 14-day self-isolation continued. | Limited access to Yukon: expanded entry exceptions allowed. Mandatory 14-day self-isolation continued, some exceptions. | Border controls gradually lifting. Self-isolation requirements eased. | No restrictions |
| Travel within Yukon | Avoid unnecessary travel to communities. | Limit travel to communities. Travel respectfully within Yukon and to communities. | Limit travel to communities continued. Travel respectfully within Yukon and to communities. May have relaxed restrictions subject to public health assessment and community engagement. | Limit travel to communities continued. Travel respectfully within Yukon and to communities. May have relaxed restrictions subject to public health assessment and community engagement. | |
| Physical distancing | Close contact is allowed with only members of your household bubble. Maintain physical distance with anyone outside your bubble. | "Double bubble": close contact is allowed between members of 2 households. | "Double bubble" continued. | Restrictions may ease based on public health data. | |
| Gatherings | Indoor: 10 or less Outdoor: 10 or less | Indoor: 10 or less Outdoor: 10 or less Funerals and religious services may have relaxed restrictions subject to public health assessment. | Indoor: 10 or less Outdoor: 50 or less if physical distancing can be maintained. | No size restrictions if physical distancing can be maintained. | |
| Businesses and services | Restaurants can provide takeout and delivery only. Bars and personal service providers closed. Unless ordered closed, all other businesses can operate following the public health measures. | Subject to approved operational plan: • Restaurants can offer 50% capacity dine-in services. • Personal care services can reopen. Bars will be notified when they can reopen. | Some restrictions may ease based on public health data. Expanded dine-in capacity at restaurants. Bars will be notified when they can reopen. | Some restrictions may ease based on public health data. | |
| Recreation and entertainment | Public campgrounds are closed. Recreation centres and libraries are closed. Fitness centres remain open following guidelines. | Public campgrounds reopen June 4 following guidelines. Recreation centres and libraries reopen in limited capacity following guidelines. | Continued easing of restrictions based on public health measures. | Continued easing of restrictions based on public health measures. | |
| Education and childcare | All in-person education suspended for remainder of 2019/20 school year. Daycares open to children of critical and essential workers only. | Daycares are open to children of all workers. Summer day camps can operate following guidelines. Recreational programming allowed following guidelines. Overnight camps are not permitted. | To be determined in consultation with the Department of Education and Yukon University Board. Overnight camps reopen following public health guidance. | To be determined in consultation with the Department of Education and Yukon University Board. | |

Public health experts predict that there will be additional waves of COVID-19 infections across Canada later this year and into the future. Yukon may need to move back to earlier phases in order to help limit and contain the spread of the virus. Every single person in Yukon has a part to play in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and saving lives. With your help we can continue to reopen our society. All Yukoners should continue to follow the 6 steps to staying safe: <https://yukon.ca/en/6-steps-staying-safe-covid-19>

For detailed information and the full version of A Path Forward: Yukon's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions visit: <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/plan-lifting-yukons-covid-19-restrictions>

To see guidelines with specific public health measures and requirements visit: <https://yukon.ca/en/industry-specific-guidelines-and-recommendations-covid-19>