

COVID-19 Update

December 9, 2020

Update to Emergency Advisory Committee

Provincial Update

Gathering restrictions

Prohibited: Indoor and Outdoor gatherings (December 8)

- Close contacts with household only
- Exceptions:
 - Live alone
 - Co-parenting
 - Services and support groups

Places of worship (December 13)

- 15% of fire code
- Physical distancing between households
- Mask use mandatory

Out-of-town travel & visitors (December 8)

- Discouraged
- Visitors
 - Out-of-town visitors to stay in others' homes is prohibited
- Exceptions
 - Returning individuals to household

Weddings & funerals (November 24)

- Max 10 people
- Receptions not permitted

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Workplace and learning centres

Mandatory masking (December 8)

- Indoor public places
- Places of worship
- Indoor workplaces/facilities
- Exceptions
 - Working alone/distanced/barriers
 - Rental
 - Farm operators

Working from home (December 13)

- Mandatory unless employer requires a presence for operational effectiveness

Schools (November 30)

- Grade 7-12 at-home learning
- Grade K-6 in-person learning
- All resume in-person January 11

Childcare (No changes)

- Includes daycare, out-of-school and preschool programs

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Business and service restrictions – Effective December 13

Reduced: Retail to 15% of Fire Code

- Curbside pickup, delivery & online encouraged
- Shop alone if possible
- Shopping mall capacity at 15%
 - Food courts open for grab & go only

Restricted: Hotels, motels, hunting & fishing lodges

- No spa, pool or gym access
- No in-person dining

Regulated: Health, social and professional services

- Appointment only
- 1:1 services
- Social services remain open for in-person services
 - Social, protective & emergency services
 - Shelters
 - Not-for-profits

Outdoor recreation

- Permitted
- Closed: facilities except washrooms

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Closed or restricted services - Effective December 13

Restricted: Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges & cafes

- Closed to in-person service
- Take out, Curbside pickup, delivery allowed

Restricted: Performance activities

- Dancing, singing, theatre and playing wind instruments
- Continue to follow November 27 restrictions
- Restricted on December 13
 - Outdoor settings
 - Indoor settings
 - Lessons
 - School settings
 - Places of worship

Closed: Entertainment businesses and entities

- Casinos, bingo halls, gaming centres
- Racing centres, horse tracks, raceways
- Bowling alleys, pool halls
- Legions and private clubs
- Galleries, libraries, museums
- Science and interpretive centres
- Amusement and water parks
- Play centres and indoor playgrounds
- Theatres & concert halls
- Banquet halls, conference centres, trade shows

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Closed or restricted services - Effective December 13

Closed: Recreation facilities

- Gyms & studios
- Fitness & recreation centres
- Spas, pools, indoor rinks & arenas
- Day & overnight camps
- Community halls and centres

Restricted: Sport and physical activities

- Team sports, fitness classes & training
- Continue to follow November 27 restrictions
- Restricted on December 13
 - Outdoor settings
 - Indoor settings
 - One-to-one indoor training

Closed: Personal services:

- Esthetics, manicure, pedicures, waxing, make-up
- Piercing & tattoos
- Tanning
- Facial, eyebrow/eyelash treatments
- Skin & body treatments
- Laser hair & tattoo removal
- Hairstyling & barbers
- Massage
- Flotation, reflexology, colonic irrigation

What we know will close

All indoor recreation and culture facilities close on December 13:

- Millennium Place
- Glen Allan Recreation Complex
- Kinsmen Leisure Centre and Emerald Hills Leisure Centre
- Sherwood Park Arena/Sports Centre, Broadmoor Arena, Recreation Administration (Gymnastics Centre)
- Moyer Recreation Complex, Strathcona Olympiette Centre, Ardrossan Recreation Complex
- Festival Place, Gallery@501, Smeltzer House Visual Arts Centre
- Strathcona Wilderness Centre indoor facilities (washrooms available)
- Outdoor rink sheds

What will stay open

Activities that remain OPEN until December 12:

- Wellness centres, lap swim and aquatic walking lanes

NEW VIRTUAL programs now available:

- [Virtual adult wellness and child /youth programs](#) open for registration

OUTDOOR activities (with Alberta Health restrictions):

- Cross-country skiing at Strathcona Wilderness Centre and Broadmoor Recreation Complex (Note: indoor amenities CLOSED with exception of washrooms)
- [Individual cross country ski lessons](#)
- Outdoor skating (weather permitting) including boarded and snowbank rinks, and pathways
- Parks and trails for snowshoeing, playgrounds and toboggan hills
- Off-leash dog parks

Outdoor skating

- Snowbank rinks (17)
- Boarded rinks (8) includes adjoining snowbank rinks (except Mills Haven)
- Skating pathways (8) – *3 new locations added to increase capacity*

URBAN			RURAL		
Snowbank	Boarded / snowbank	Skating pathways	Snowbank	Boarded / snowbank	Skating pathways
Davidson Creek	Strathcona Athletic Park	Emerald Hills Sports Pavilion	Uncas	Ardrossan Regional Park	Hastings Lake
McPherson	Brentwood	Broadmoor Lake Park	Deville / North Cooking Lake		South Cooking Lake
Nottingham	Sherwood Heights	Clover Bar Ranch NEW	Collingwood Cove		Josephburg NEW
	Kinsmen		Whitecroft		Ardrossan Regional Park
	Heritage Hills		Fountain Creek		Ardrossan Jr/Sr High NEW
	McGhan				
	*Mills Haven				

Items we are working on in next few days

- Ongoing information sharing and contingency planning:
 - Emergency Operations Centre remains at Level 2
 - Weekly COVID Information Group meetings
 - Identify where restrictions or orders may impact our service delivery
 - Share local/regional/provincial actions to enable the decision-makers
 - Enforcement of local and provincial orders
 - Staffing adjustments as a result of restrictions and increased expectations around remote work (work from home)
 - Impacts to transit ridership (potentially adjust with work from home mandates)
 - Potential for adjustment to Community Centre access and counter services

Communications December 8-13

For residents:

- December 8 – Strathcona County alert and social media sent out to advise residents/SC alert users on new provincial restrictions, Strathcona County sites updated with link to new restrictions
- December 9 following the Emergency Advisory Committee meeting – news release being sent (will include strathcona.ca/freerecreation for details on what is still available)
- Working with regional communications counterparts on joint videos to inform/educate residents to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and support residents with what they can still do:)
- Signage and additional ads being place in days to come

Communications December 8-13

For staff:

- December 8 - All staff message sent to inform them of new restrictions
- December 9 - meeting with Senior Leadership team to discuss restrictions/work from home/next steps and communications supports required and follow-up call with CAOs and Alberta Health Services
- December 10 - All staff town hall Q and A live event (will have a panel of County senior level representatives to answer questions)

For businesses:

- Restrictions and supports shared with Chamber and stakeholders, additional messaging will go on website and in stakeholder newsletters

Reminder of Key Messages

- We know the restrictions are inconvenient, but we need to cooperate as a County/Edmonton region because these measures can literally help save lives. We are doing what we can to ensure you have healthy outdoor options available to you.
- We want everyone safe this holiday season.
- It's ok not to be ok - sometimes people can feel overwhelmed and the County is committed to supporting the mental health of our residents and our staff. Please contact us if you need help.
- We will continue to support business with shop local campaigns (focus on curbside pickup/takeout) and promoting any business supports available.

Questions?

- We have representatives from County departments available virtually to answer questions