

Toronto & Peel Join Stage 2 of the Reopening

Ontario continues to make significant progress in minimizing the spread of COVID-19 as the government gradually reopens more businesses and services, in an effort to get people back to work and restart our economy. Yesterday's announcement was based on local positive trends of key public health indicators and officially moves the **City of Toronto and Peel Region** into Stage 2 as of 12:01 am on **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**. They will join the other 31 public health regions that progressed to Stage 2 earlier this month.

The Ontario government aims to ramp up pro-active testing and inspections on Ontario farms, through the use of mobile testing units, to ensure that the final region, Windsor-Essex, can safely move to Stage 2 as soon as possible, while still protecting workers and our food supply chain.

KEY PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS



Virus spread and
containment



Health system
capacity



Public health
System capacity



Incidence tracking
capacity

Ontario will continue to proceed with caution as we work towards the next stages in the gradual reopening process, based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts. As outlined in the [Framework for Reopening our Province Stage 2](#), public health remains the government's top priority, therefore employers and businesses across Ontario must continue to do their part by following public health advice and implementing the necessary workplace health and safety measures to protect employees, customers and the general public. Sector-specific workplace safety guidelines are available on the government [website](#) and should be reviewed before businesses consider reopening.

How to Stay Safe

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|  | Staying at home and away from others if you are feeling ill |  | Washing your hands frequently with soap and water |
|  | Maintaining physical distancing of at least two metres from people outside your immediate household in public |  | Using an alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water are not available |
|  | Practising good hygiene (avoiding touching your face and covering your cough or sneeze) |  | Wearing a face covering in public where physical distancing is a challenge or not possible |
|  | Limiting outings and public gatherings as per emergency orders |  | Increasing cleaning of frequently touched surfaces |
|  | Minimizing travel and self-isolating for 14 days after all international travel |  | Working remotely or redesigning spaces and interactions to make them safer |
|  | Getting tested if you are worried you have or have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19 |  | Protecting the most vulnerable |

Quick Facts

- The government continues to provide updates every Monday to discuss the ongoing assessments of Ontario's regions, and if they are ready to progress to Stage 2.
- To get tested, people should visit Ontario's [website](#) to find local assessment centres and determine if they need to make an appointment.
- Stage 3 will focus on reopening more workplaces and community spaces, while carefully and gradually relaxing restrictions, and sustaining and expanding workplace health and safety guidelines.

Concrete Ontario would like to thank all our members for their continued input and support during these challenging times. Please join us for our conference calls with our Regional Industry Councils (RICs) to discuss the specific challenges that exist in the various regions around the province, and the steps that the industry can take together to ensure that concrete construction continues to be conducted safely and in accordance with government regulations.

Everyone stay healthy and safe!

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