



Emerging Wisely

Essential steps to eased restrictions



Travel restrictions are keeping the virus out



Rules for workers coming into the territory are working



Community testing and contact tracing is robust



No non-travel-related cases for 28 days since last case recovered

Phases of Recovery

Nothing is returning to 'normal' until there is an effective vaccine. Everyone will still need to follow rules as restrictions are eased.

PHASE 1: MID-TO-LATE MAY, 2020

All essential steps have been successfully implemented. No evidence of community spread within the territory through May 15, 2020. People are following the public health orders.

Your household can have up to 5 other people over, to a maximum of 10 people total. You should keep your friendship circle as small as possible and still keep physical distance as much as you can.

Personal outdoor get-togethers of 25 or less are allowed

Some businesses and organizations allowed to open with capacity and other restrictions in place. For example: personal services, museums and art galleries, bottle depots, personal training at gyms and fitness centres.

Specific types of mass gatherings will be allowed with capacity and other restrictions in place. For example: farmer's markets, campgrounds, recreational facilities, libraries, golf courses, beaches, boat launches, outdoor fields, and playgrounds.

Schools, except colleges, adult learning, and trade schools, may open with capacity and other restrictions in place.

PHASE 2: MID-TO-LATE JUNE, 2020

Limited or no community spread Imported and contained cases only. Strong contact tracing. Ability for businesses and gathering places to enforce social distancing.

Now the same in all phases.

Personal outdoor get-togethers of 50 or less are allowed.

Indoor sports and day programming are allowed. More business will be allowed to open with capacity and other restrictions in place. For example: movie theatres and theatres, dine-in restaurants (limited capacity), fitness classes.

Organized outdoor activities will be allowed. Campground limitations will ease. Government offices may open to the public. Community and youth centres may open. Pools open for instructor certification.

Same as phase one.

PHASE 3: TO BE DETERMINED

A robust, rapid-testing strategy is ready. A second surge of infections in Canada and the United States has come and gone.

Now the same in all phases.

Personal outdoor get-togethers have no participation limits.

Additional business will be allowed to open.

Outdoor gatherings have no participation limits. Pools open to the public. Gymnastics open. Choirs and band classes may begin running.

Colleges, adult classes and trade schools open.

FINAL MEASURES LIFTED:

TO BE DETERMINED

A vaccine for COVID-19 has been approved and produced. A successful vaccination program has been implemented for at risk populations. An effective treatment is approved and most of our population can get it.

Life goes back to normal.

Conditions to enter this phase

Visiting with friends and family

Larger personal gatherings

Business openings

Mass gatherings and community gatherings

School

Experts predict that there will be 2 to 3 more waves of COVID-19 infections across Canada.

NWT residents can expect to move back to earlier phases in order to help contain the spread.

Triggers for moving to previous phases:

- Widespread rule-breaking which leads to community spread
- Community spread and we don't know where it started from
- Cluster or group outbreaks where COVID-19 spreads very quickly

For detailed information visit www.gov.nt/COVID-19

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