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New Brunswick's COVID-19 Detailed Alert Levels

- Alert levels and associated measures are determined by the Government of New Brunswick under the advice and guidance of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- These measures may be updated on a regular basis based on new scientific knowledge or effectiveness of previous control measures in Canada or in other countries.
- Different regions of the province may be at different alert levels at a given time.
- All businesses are allowed to operate under red, orange and yellow phases but are required to have a COVID-19 operational plan which aligns to Public Health and WorkSafeNB guidance to ensure they protect citizens, patrons and employees at all times.

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OUTCOME	Strong restrictions to limit unnecessary movement of people and contacts to contain community transmission and outbreaks.	Restrictions on non-essential close contact activities, both socially and in some workplaces, to address a high risk of community transmission.	Physical distancing and standard public health measures to mitigate risk associated with sporadic cases or clusters.	Population prepared for future communicable disease outbreaks.
SUMMARY	<p>Stay at home, other than for work, attending post-secondary or essential personal movement to businesses or activities that remain open.</p> <p>Stay within your household bubble which includes caregivers and immediate family.</p>	<p>Stay at home, other than for work and school or for personal movement to businesses that remain open.</p> <p>Small outside gatherings and activities are encouraged with distancing of 2m. Community masks must be worn when distancing is 1m or more but less than 2m.</p> <p>Grow your bubble to two households, in addition to caregivers and immediate family.</p>	<p>All businesses can open but continue to respect physical distancing of 2m. If unable to distance 2m wear a community mask.</p> <p>Gatherings are limited both inside and outside according to level of risk.</p> <p>Grow your bubble to close friends and extended family.</p>	<p>Follow good public health measures to protect against seasonal communicable diseases and potential future pandemics.</p>

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PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES	<p>Keep 2m apart at all times outside home including in workplaces If unable to distance 2m wear a community mask.</p> <p>Does not apply to daycare and emergency front line services (i.e. healthcare, policing) when close contact is necessary as they have additional public health precautions in place.</p>	<p>Keep 2m apart in public with people who are not in your bubble.</p> <p>Utilize 1m rule in schools and school buses which have additional public health precautions in place.</p> <p>In public settings with seated venues, physical distancing may be reduced down to 1m with the continuous use of a mask. This measure already exists in public transit and would now apply in settings such as postsecondary institutions, with the condition that food and drink not be consumed when people are seated at this distance. Distancing of 2m would be required in order for food or drinks to be consumed.</p> <p>Avoid indoor gatherings outside of bubble.</p>	<p>Keep 2m apart in public with people you don't know or don't see often. If unable to distance 2m wear a community mask.</p> <p>Utilize 1m rule in schools and school buses which have additional public health precautions in place.</p> <p>In public settings physical distancing may be reduced down to 1m with the continuous use of a mask. This measure already exists in public transit and would now apply in settings such as theatres or recreational facilities such as arenas with the condition that food and drink not be consumed when people are seated at this distance.</p> <p>Distancing of 2m would be required in order for food or drinks to be consumed.</p>	<p>No physical distancing required.</p> <p>Community masks are recommended in public when symptomatic.</p>
<p>General public health advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly disinfect surfaces; wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into elbow, don't touch your face, wear a community mask when not able to physically distance 2m; if you have COVID symptoms stay at home and call Telecare 811 or your primary care provider. The use of face masks must be done in an appropriate fashion as per public health advice. <p>Testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing of all potential cases of COVID-19 for people who meet the case definition (i.e. are displaying relevant symptoms). Keep testing at a level where the positivity rate remains at or below 5% if possible. Tests will take place at dedicated Community-Based Assessment Centres or designated primary care practices. Random testing within communities (including for people who are asymptomatic) may be carried out locally or in groups more at-risk to inform understanding on the spread of the virus in certain settings or areas. <p>Contact tracing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing contact tracing for all confirmed and probable new cases of COVID-19, with appropriate self-isolation measures put in place. <p>Self-Isolation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, including managed isolation for those who come from outside the country or from a province or territory which is experiencing a high prevalence of the virus. Provide facilities for those who do not have sufficient capacity to self-isolate effectively in their own homes (i.e. vulnerable populations). 				

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PERSONAL MEASURES	<p>People instructed to stay at home, other than for essential personal movement (i.e. work, postsecondary education, necessities of life)</p> <p>People must stay within their household bubble. Bubble can be extended to caregivers or immediate family. Anyone who feels unwell should immediately self-isolate from others in their bubble.</p> <p>Sports and recreational activities allowed if individual or with members of household bubble.</p> <p>People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, and the elderly) are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home.</p>	<p>People instructed to stay at home, other than for allowed activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing services, businesses or activities which are allowed. • Going to work or school. • Low risk recreational activities with groups of less than 10 with physical distancing. • Travelling to permitted gatherings. • Relocating a home or business. • Medical or health services appointments. <p>People must stay within their two-household bubble. This extended bubble should remain exclusive except for caregivers or immediate family. Anyone who experiences two COVID-19 symptoms must immediately self-isolate from others in their extended bubble.</p> <p>People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home i.e. wearing a community mask.</p>	<p>Leave home, but in a safe way. Participating in sports and recreational activities is allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings, keeping records of visitors or participants for contact tracing purposes, hygiene requirements and physical distancing.</p> <p>People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home i.e. wearing a community mask.</p>	No restrictions on personal movement.
TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT	No restrictions on deliveries and/or transport goods both within the province, and outside of the province.			
BORDERS	<p>Most citizens must self-isolate upon return from travel outside the province. Exempted individuals subject to WorkSafe NB work isolation protocols.</p> <p>Public transit physical distancing (2m) and masking. If unable to distance 2m wear a community mask.</p>	<p>Self-isolation measures for travel outside the province maintained as per risk assessment.</p> <p>Loosen distancing to 1m with masking for public transportation.</p>	<p>Self-isolation measures may be lifted for priority groups and/or in jurisdictions that present a low risk.</p> <p>Maintain physical distancing of 1m and masking on public transport.</p>	No restrictions on travel inside or outside the province.

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GATHERINGS	<p>No indoor gatherings outside household bubble. Outside gatherings with physical distancing of up to 5 people outside household bubble.</p>	<p>Indoor gatherings of up to 10 people for weddings, funerals and religious services.</p> <p>Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people with physical distancing outside household bubble.</p> <p>Workplaces, education facilities, public transport and supermarkets are not considered gatherings. Additional conditions on gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing and infection prevention and control requirements must be met. All gatherings shall record attendees to ensure contact tracing can be conducted if necessary. No participants allowed who have COVID-19 symptoms or who need to be in isolation for any reason. 	<p>Recommended to keep uncontrolled outdoor gatherings with physical distancing at 50 people or less.</p> <p>Additional conditions on gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing and infection prevention and control requirements must be met. All gatherings should record attendees to ensure contact tracing can be conducted if necessary. No participants allowed who have COVID-19 symptoms or who need to be in isolation for any reason. 	<p>No restrictions on gatherings.</p>

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PUBLIC VENUES	<p>All public venues closed (e.g. libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, dining rooms, gyms, pools, amusement parks, playgrounds, farmers' markets).</p> <p>Public open spaces (e.g. parks) may be used, but people need to maintain physical distancing (2m) outside their bubbles. Community masks must be worn when distancing is 1m or more but less than 2m.</p>	<p>All close contact public venues remain closed (e.g. cinemas, theatres, food courts, gyms, pools, arenas, amusement parks).</p> <p>Libraries, museums and similar cultural venues may open with 2m physical distancing.</p> <p>Restaurant dining rooms may open with 2m physical distancing or physical barriers between tables and community masks must be worn while moving between tables.</p> <p>Public open spaces (e.g. parks) may be used and outdoor activities and businesses may open, but people need to maintain physical distancing (2m) outside their extended bubbles.</p> <p>Community masks must be worn when physical distancing cannot be maintained.</p>	<p>All public venues open if they comply with public health measures and ensure 2m physical distancing and record keeping.</p> <p>In settings such as postsecondary institutions, arenas, and theatres physical distancing can be reduced to 1m with the continuous use of a community mask. This effectively means no food or drinks can be consumed when seated at this distance. Food and/or drinks can be consumed at a distance of 2m. Restaurant dining rooms continue to require 2m physical distancing or physical barriers between tables and community masks must be worn while moving between tables.</p> <p>Event facilities, including cinemas, stadiums, concert venues and casinos have an occupancy limit set as per the size of their venue and the ability to ensure physical distancing and record keeping.</p>	No restrictions on public venues.
HEALTH SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-urgent medical procedures and elective surgeries are postponed. • Primary care providers and regulated health professionals may operate, utilize virtual whenever possible. • Unregulated health professionals and personal services are closed. • Visitation restricted outside end of life, obstetrics and pediatrics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-urgent medical procedures and elective surgeries allowed. • Primary care providers and regulated health professionals may operate utilizing virtual whenever possible. • Unregulated health professionals are allowed, close contact personal services (i.e. barbers, hair stylists, spas) remain closed. • Strict visitor restrictions maintained in vulnerable settings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health services progressively ramp up to full capacity while maintaining appropriate infection, prevention and control measures and physical distancing. • Close contact personal services are now allowed. • Visitor restrictions are loosened in vulnerable settings with the use of personal protective equipment. 	No restrictions on health services.

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WORKPLACES	<p>Workplaces remain open if they are operating safely as per their COVID-19 operational plan.</p> <p>“Operating safely” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complying with Red COVID-19 Alert settings in this table, and • meeting appropriate public health and WorkSafe NB requirements for their workplace (e.g. physical distancing, physical barriers, masking), and • fulfilling all other health and safety obligations. <p>This does not include public facing or close contact businesses expressly forbidden to operate within alert level.</p>	<p>Workplaces remain open if workers are operating safely as per their COVID-19 operational plan.</p> <p>“Operating safely” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complying with Orange COVID-19 Alert settings in this table, and • meeting appropriate public health and WorkSafe NB requirements for their workplace, and • fulfilling all other health and safety obligations. <p>This does not include public facing or close contact personal service businesses expressly forbidden to operate within alert level.</p>	<p>Workplaces remain open if workers are operating safely as per their COVID-19 operational plan.</p> <p>“Operating safely” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complying with Yellow COVID-19 Alert settings in this table, and • meeting appropriate public health and WorkSafe NB requirements for their workplace, and • fulfilling all other health and safety obligations. 	<p>Business operate under regular health and safety guidelines.</p>
EDUCATION	<p>Daycares remain open with appropriate guidance. K to 12 school is limited to virtual only.</p> <p>Teachers and employees in schools to teach virtually from their classrooms. Postsecondary education can continue to operate in-person for practical programs but only virtually in areas where it is possible.</p>	<p>Daycares and K to 12 schools are open under appropriate guidance, virtual to be used for at-risk populations.</p> <p>Day camps are allowed. Overnight camps remain closed. Postsecondary education can operate, virtual to be used for at-risk populations.</p>	<p>All educational and camp facilities are open under appropriate public health guidance, virtual to be used for at-risk groups.</p>	<p>No restrictions on educational venues.</p>
<p>All K to 12 school facilities are subject to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidance during the duration of the pandemic. All schools will have a COVID-19 operational plan in place. Modification to group and class sizes will be made across grade levels.</p> <p>For K to 8, no physical distancing requirements in the classroom will be in place, but class groupings will remain the same throughout the day and semester as much as possible. For grades 9 to 12, class groupings can change but physical distancing requirements of 1m will be required.</p> <p>For postsecondary education, physical distancing requirements of 2m will apply during the red alert phase and through other phases. However, it can be reduced to 1m with continuous masking in the classroom.</p> <p>Any educational facility connected to a cluster of confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 may be required to close temporarily, if advised by public health, to support contact tracing and case and contact management.</p>				