

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 6 key criteria:

1. Yukoners are following the public health orders, directions and the Safe 6.
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				
	Important note: Any future dates for phases subject to change based on the 6 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 (Restart): May 15 to 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 July 31 Aim: Continue to safely ease public health measures and prepare to ease some border control measures.	Phase 3 (New normal): August 1 until a date 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.	All residents of Canavvda can enter into Yukon, with some residents required to self-isolate.	Continued	No restrictions
Travel within Yukon	Avoid non-essential travel.	Limit travel to communities. Travel respectfully within Yukon and to communities.	Continued	Continued	
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.	Expansion of bubble to include 3 to 5 families or 10 to 15 people in total. Bubbles should be small and consistent.	
Social gatherings	Indoor: 10 or fewer. Outdoor: 10 or fewer.	Indoor: 10 or fewer. Outdoor: 10 or fewer. Funerals and faith-based services have relaxed restrictions subject to public health assessment.	Indoor: 10 or fewer. Outdoor: 50 or fewer.	Continued	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants can offer 50% capacity dine-in services. • Personal care services can reopen. • Bars can reopen at 50% capacity, starting June 19. 	Dine-in restaurants can operate at full capacity if physical distancing can be maintained. An approved operational plan is required.	Continued	
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.	Resumption of in-person K–12 education for the 2020–21 school year. Return to Yukon University campus to be determined in consultation with Yukon University Board.	Return to Yukon University campus to be determined in consultation with 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 Safe 6: <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>