



## UPDATE #7

**EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020 @ 5PM**

For the latest updates on COVID-19, please refer to [www.alberta.ca/covid](http://www.alberta.ca/covid)

Westwind School Division and the Town of Raymond **have closed all playgrounds in Town, effective immediately**. Green spaces, walking trails are all still open as long as participants keep a minimum 2 metres or 6.5 ft of separation between them.

The Province of Alberta has issued new directives and closures that are now in effect.

- 1) To protect the health and safety of Albertans, mass gatherings will be **limited to 15 people** and more restrictions will be placed on available services.
- 2) As a result of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at certain businesses and organizations across the province will be prohibited **effective immediately**.

Restrictions will be in place for the following classifications of business:

- **Close contact businesses** including hair salons and barbershops, tattoo and piercing studios, esthetic services, as well as wellness studios and clinics and non-emergency and non-critical health services provided by regulated health professionals or registered professionals including dentistry, physiotherapy, massage, podiatry, chiropractic and optometry services.
- **Dine-in restaurants** will no longer be able to offer dine-in service. Take-out and delivery services will continue to be available.
- **Non-essential retail services** that fall into the categories of clothing, computer and gaming stores, and services in shopping malls and shopping centres such as hobby and toys, gift and specialty items and furniture.

In addition, people are prohibited from attending gatherings of more than 15, and they must observe two metres of social distancing. This includes:

- **open spaces** such as trails, fields and parks
- **public and private gatherings** where people are brought together in a single room or space at the same time, including funerals, weddings and other formal and informal events

A more complete list of affected businesses and further details on gathering restrictions are available [online](https://www.alberta.ca/restrictions-on-gatherings-and-businesses.aspx) at <https://www.alberta.ca/restrictions-on-gatherings-and-businesses.aspx>.

Workplaces that have not been ordered to close can continue to have more than 15 workers on a worksite as long as those business maintain public health measures, including two metre social distancing, hygiene enforcement and processes that ensure that any person who is ill does not attend these spaces.

Any business or organization not following the public health order will be subject to a fine. Courts have the power to administer fines of up to \$100,000 for a first offence and up to \$500,000 for a subsequent offence for more serious violations. Individuals aware of any businesses violating these orders should submit a complaint [online](#) immediately.