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What Businesses Need to Know

LEVEL: RED - CONTROL

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COVID-19

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On November 6th, the Ontario Government moved to the <u>Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework</u>, a tiered response that allows regions to scale up or scale back public health restrictions based on the risk level.

As of November 7th, Mississauga is in the Red-Control Level of Ontario's Framework.

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Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework - Know the Rules

On November 6th, the Ontario Government moved to a tiered response framework that allows regions to scale up or scale back public health restrictions based on the risk level.

Learn more about the <u>Keeping Ontario Safe and Open</u> <u>Framework</u> to check what measures will apply to your business.

For local Restaurants, Bars and Food/Drink Establishments, current re-opening measures include:

- 10 person indoor capacity limit
- Outdoor dining, take out, drive through, and delivery permitted
- Dancing, singing and the live performance of brass or wind instruments are prohibited
- Limit operating hours, establishments close at 10 p.m.
- Liquor sold or served only between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- No consumption of liquor between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m.
- Require screening of patrons (e.g. questionnaire)
- Limit of 4 people may be seated together
- Closure of strip clubs

Peel Public Health Directives

On November 7th, because of a worsening pandemic picture in November, Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel, issued directives to the community that are stricter than those required under the new provincial framework.

Peel Public Health directives are effective at 12:01 a.m. Nov. 9, 2020, unless otherwise noted. They will remain in effect until further notice, except where noted, and will be re-evaluated every 14 days as the pandemic picture evolves:

- Social gatherings celebrating holidays and life events in <u>business</u> <u>establishments</u> are not allowed, starting at 12:01 a.m. Nov. 13, 2020.
- Wedding receptions and associated gatherings are not allowed in business establishments, starting at 12:01 a.m. Nov. 13 until at least Jan. 7, 2021.
- Religious services, rites or ceremonies should be virtual. When not possible, in-person religious events, including weddings/funerals, must:
 - Reduce indoor capacity to 30% capacity to a maximum 50 people per facility.
 - Seat households and essential supports together, at least 2 metres from other groups.
- Bars, restaurants and other food establishments must restrict seating to people from the same household, or their essential supports. No mixed seating is permitted.
- Workplaces must prohibit all non-essential visitors and make work-fromhome options available, as much as possible.
- Gyms and fitness centres must make sure all fitness class participants
 pre-register and provide accurate contact information to help with
 contact tracing if there is an exposure. No walk-in participation is allowed.
- Meeting and event spaces, including banquet halls, <u>must close</u>.



Tips to Prevent the Spread

Protecting yourself and others

To <u>reduce the risk</u> of passing on novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) at work, employers should:

- Screen people who enter the workplace
- Support self-isolation for workers with symptoms and workers who are close contacts of COVID-19 cases
- Ensure people maintain a physical distance of two metres or more
- Have workers, clients and visitors wear masks
- Disinfect surfaces and objects
- Support hand hygiene, particularly handwashing
- Remind workers about good cough and sneeze etiquette and to avoid touching their face
- Work with the <u>local public health unit</u> if any workers have COVID-19 or are exposed to someone with COVID-19

You can use the COVID-19 safety plan template to create your plan. The safety plan is for you, your workers and other people who need to know about it.

Discuss and share your <u>safety plan</u> with everyone at work.

Resources and Initiatives



Visit our COVID-19 Business Recovery Page to access more information and resources for your business. <u>Click here</u> to access the following:



Mississauga Economic Recovery Initiatives

View the latest updates and initiatives on Mississauga's response to COVID-19 for businesses.



Health, Safety & Reopening Guidelines

Access the latest health, safety and reopening resources aimed at informing and supporting your business.



Sector Specific Guidelines

Lookup sector specific resources aimed at helping your business effectively and safely re-open.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Access

Find available opportunities to access Personal Protective Equipment for your business.



Business Relief Portal

Access our self-selection tool that helps identify relief programs and incentives that best apply to specific business needs and links to the government source of support.



Countermeasures Portal

Search through a list of ongoing initiatives that seek business support and solutions to contribute to Canada's response to COVID-19.

Top Requests

Business Relief Portal

We've gathered support and relief programs and incentives in one central location. Use the filter to identify the programs that may apply to you.

Digital Main Street

A program that helps main street businesses achieve digital transformation. For the second year in a row, the program is back again to support main street businesses in Mississauga.

Online Webinars

We are offering a series of free online webinars to support small business owners and entrepreneurs during this pandemic.

#MississaugaMade

A shop local campaign to support and promote Mississauga products, businesses, stories, activities and experiences.

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Temporary Patio Program

The temporary patio program started on July 8, 2020. Restaurants and bars with a valid 2020 business licence can expand outdoor seating and dining areas to help meet COVID-19 safety guidelines.

On November 11, 2020, City Council extended Mississauga's <u>temporary patio program</u> and amended the <u>Temporary Use By-law</u> to allow restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments to operate their temporary outdoor patios until December 31, 2021. To learn more, <u>click here</u>.

