



## News Release

### **COVID-19 Update #5 – Return to Phase Orange in Zone 2**

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ST. GEORGE - At midnight on November 21, Zone 2, a zone which the Town of St. George is within, was returned to the “Phase Orange” Level. The last time that our area was under Phase Orange was in May.

The Town of St. George is advising its residents that enforcement of the provincial Mandatory Order is underway as part of the response to Zone 2 (Saint John area) going to Orange Level. Enforcement will help ensure compliance to the Mandatory Order, by both individuals and businesses/organizations, as the region responds to the rise in confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Residents are reminded that it is now mandatory to wear a face mask in public spaces, both indoors and outdoors. As detailed on the Government of New Brunswick website, this includes public places such as parks, playgrounds and walking trails. A mask is not required while walking, jogging or cycling with people in the same bubble, where they are unlikely to encounter people, or risk coming within two metres of, people from outside their bubble.

“I am asking all residents, and area non-residents, to renew their focus with following the protocols set by the Province,” says Acting Mayor Faith Avery. “Everyone has the ability to do their part in slowing the spread of this virus. It is my hope is that everyone will do all they can to keep themselves and each other healthy.”

According to the Province, public safety and law enforcement agencies are involved in enforcement efforts, patrolling and enforcing from Sussex to St. Stephen. Fines for non-compliance are as follows: Violations (non-compliance to Mandatory Order) - \$292; and Appearance Notices (to businesses for non-compliance of an Operational Plan to compliance to Mandatory Order) - \$10,100.

A toll-free provincial information line and email address has been set up to help answer non-health related questions, including questions about compliance with the state of emergency. The number, 1-844-462-8387, is operational seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The email address is [helpaide@gnb.ca](mailto:helpaide@gnb.ca). Concerns about workplace safety should be directed to WorkSafeNB.

For further information including important health-related Q&As, travel-related directives, NB’s response, and the recovery plan, visit [www.gnb.ca/coronavirus](http://www.gnb.ca/coronavirus).

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## Orange Level

**Balancing the reopening of businesses and activities while preventing a resurgence of transmission. Significant risk that COVID-19 is no longer under control in the province.**

Risk Assessment:

- Travel-related cases and new chains of community transmission are accelerating.
- Health-care system still able to manage but under pressure.
- Compliance with public health measures decreasing.
- Outbreaks can still be controlled through public health measures.

Subject to the [Public Health](#) and [WorkSafeNB](#) COVID-19 general guidance, the following activities are allowed:

- **NEW:** Single household bubble. A household bubble can be extended to caregivers or to an immediate family member requiring support.
- **NEW:** Essential travel only is recommended in and out of Orange level zones, however, people can continue to travel within the province for work, school, essential errands and medical appointments.
- **NEW:** Outdoor gatherings with physical distancing of 25 people or fewer are permitted. Physical distancing is required in all other settings.
- **NEW:** Faith venues can operate under a COVID-19 operational plan. In-person services are limited to 50 participants, or fewer depending upon the size of the facility, with two metres of physical distancing. Continuous mask wearing is required. No singing is permitted. Other indoor religious observances, funerals, celebrations of life, marriage ceremonies, receptions and social gatherings of more than 25 people are prohibited.
- Wearing face masks is mandatory in public spaces, both indoors and outdoors. Outdoor public spaces include parks, playgrounds, markets, festival sites, dog parks, and walking trails. A mask is not required while walking, jogging or cycling with people in the same bubble, where they are unlikely to encounter people, or risk coming within two metres of, people from outside their bubble.
- Non-urgent medical procedures and elective surgeries are allowed.
- Strict visitor restrictions are to be maintained in settings with vulnerable people.
- Primary care providers and regulated health professionals may operate but are urged to use virtual appointments whenever possible.
- **NEW:** Unregulated health professionals, barbers, hair stylists or spas may operate under a COVID-19 operational plan, with enhanced public health measures such as active screening of patrons, closed waiting rooms, and enhanced barriers.
- Daycares and K-12 schools are open under strict guidance. Virtual teaching is to be used for at-risk populations. Day camps are allowed.
- Post-secondary educational institutions may operate.
- Outdoor recreational activities are allowed, including campgrounds, ATV or snowmobile trails.
- **NEW:** Recreational and sport organizations may operate but are limited to practices and/or skills and drills within a single team.
- **NEW:** Gym, fitness facilities, and yoga studios may operate under a COVID-19 operational plan with additional public health measures, including:

- Two metres of physical distancing, with masks, in low-intensity fitness classes such as yoga, tai chi, and stretching; and three metres of physical distancing for high-intensity activities such as spin, aerobics and boot camp.
  - active screening and record keeping of patrons.
  - closed locker rooms/common areas.
- **NEW:** Entertainment venues such as casinos, amusement centres, bingo halls, arcades, cinemas and large live performance facilities may operate under a COVID-19 operational plan. The occupancy limit is set at 50 or fewer, depending upon the size of the venue and the ability to ensure two metres of physical distancing, with continuous mask use and record keeping.
- **NEW:** Public Transit can operate with 1m distancing between riders AND continuous use of a mask. Ensure space is available for individuals who require 2m distancing for medical reasons (e.g. immunocompromised and those that can't wear mask).
- All other businesses, including food, beverage and retail, may operate under a COVID-19 operational plan. Distancing of two metres is required where food and beverages are served. Record keeping for seated venues is a requirement. Single household bubbles must be maintained. For example, people may not sit with people from another household at a restaurant.

[Community public health measures](#)

[Public health measures for businesses, educational institutions, organizations and service providers](#)

[COVID-19 operational plan guide: keeping New Brunswickers safer together](#)

[WorkSafeNB: Embracing the new normal as we safely return to work](#)

[Guidance Document of General Public Health Measures During COVID-19 Recovery](#)

[Additional information for small, medium and large New Brunswick businesses](#)