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Ontario Announces Stage 3 Reopening for Certain Regions

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Today, the Ontario [government announced](#) that 24 regions in Ontario are moving to the [Stage 3 of the provincial re-opening plans](#) effective Friday, July 17, 2020. The Orders made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* giving effect to this announcement have not yet been published and we will provide further updates on the Stage 3 reopening as may be necessary. In order that you may continue your Return to Work planning, however, here is what we know as of today.

Subject to physical distancing (two metres), the Stage 3 reopening will permit:

- indoor gatherings to a maximum of 50 people
- outdoor gatherings to a maximum of 100 people.

As stated in the news release, these limits apply “to indoor and outdoor events, such as community events or gatherings, concerts, live shows, festivals, conferences, sports and recreational fitness activities, fundraisers, fairs, festivals or open houses.”

Many activities are not yet permitted to open as they are considered high-risk. These include amusement and water parks, overnight children’s camps, “prolonged or deliberate” contact while playing sports, buffet-style dining, and more.

The following public health unit regions allowed to move into Stage 3 on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. are:

- Algoma Public Health
- Brant County Health Unit
- Chatham-Kent Public Health
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit
- Grey Bruce Health Unit
- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health
- Huron Perth Public Health
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health
- Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit
- Middlesex-London Health Unit
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- Northwestern Health Unit
- Ottawa Public Health
- Peterborough Public Health
- Porcupine Health Unit
- Public Health Sudbury & Districts
- Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit
- Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit
- Southwestern Public Health
- Thunder Bay District Health Unit
- Timiskaming Health Unit
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

The following public health units which will remain in Stage 2 are:

- Durham Region Health Department
- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit
- Halton Region Public Health
- Hamilton Public Health Services
- Lambton Public Health
- Niagara Region Public Health
- Peel Public Health
- Toronto Public Health
- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
- York Region Public Health

As always, the Stage 3 reopenings will be subject to health and safety and physical distancing requirements.

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