

# Ontario



(May 15) The Premier [announced](#) the opening of more businesses including retailers, seasonal businesses and health and community service providers, provided that the general trend on health indicators continues to improve. The announcements for reopening include the following:

- Effective on Saturday, May 16, 2020:
  - Golf courses will be able to open, with clubhouses open only for washrooms and restaurants open only for take-out.
  - Marinas, boat clubs and public boat launches may open for recreational use.
  - Private parks and campgrounds may open to enable preparation for the season and to allow access for trailers and recreational vehicles whose owners have a full season contract.
  - Businesses that board animals, such as stables, may allow boarders to visit, care for or ride their animal.
- The first stage of Ontario's [Framework for Reopening our Province](#) will begin on Tuesday May 19 and will include the businesses below. For a full list of businesses, please see [Detailed List of Stage 1 Openings](#).
  - Retail services that are not in shopping malls and have separate street-front entrances with measures in place that can enable physical distancing, such as limiting the number of customers in the store and booking appointments
  - Seasonal businesses and recreational activities for individual or single competitors, including training and sport competitions conducted by a recognized national or provincial sport organization. This includes indoor and outdoor non-team sport competitions that can be played while maintaining physical distancing and without spectators, such as tennis, track and field and horse racing.
  - Lifting essential workplace limits on construction.
  - Animal services, specifically pet care services, such as grooming and training, and regular veterinary appointments.
  - Indoor and outdoor household services that can follow public health guidelines, such as housekeepers, cooks, cleaning and maintenance.
  - Allowing certain health and medical services to resume, such as in-person counselling and scheduled surgeries based on the ability to meet pre-specified conditions as outlined in [A Measured Approach to Planning for Surgeries and Procedures During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), as well as resuming professional services such as shifting Children's Treatment Centres from virtual to in-person.
- The government and health and safety associations have released more than [90 safety guidance documents](#) to assist employers in multiple sectors, including construction, retail, facilities maintenance and manufacturing. The Ministry of Health has also released a [Guidance Document for Essential Workplaces](#).

- The Ontario government has launched a website, the [Workplace PPE Supplier Directory](#), to provide businesses with a list of Ontario companies and business associations that are ready to supply PPE to businesses.
- For questions about what businesses will be open or impacts to your business or employment, call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health will closely monitor the evolving situation to advise when certain public health restrictions, including adjustments to social gatherings can be gradually loosened or if they need to be tightened