

# Ontario



The Premier made two important announcements relevant to the business community. The first [announcement](#) outlined the details of stage 2 of [Ontario's Framework for Reopening](#). Effective June 12, 2020 at 12:01am, some businesses will be allowed to reopen and the province will increase the limit on social gatherings from five to ten people with physical distancing measures in place across the province. Depending on your location the following are permitted to open in stage 2...check with your local health department guidelines:

- Outdoor dine-in services at restaurants, bars and other establishments, including patios, curbside, parking lots and adjacent properties;
- Select personal and personal care services with the proper health and safety measures in place, including tattoo parlours, barber shops, hair salons and beauty salons;
- Shopping malls under existing restrictions, including food services reopening for take-out and outdoor dining only;
- Tour and guide services, such as bike and walking, bus and boat tours, as well as tasting and tours for wineries, breweries and distilleries;
- Water recreational facilities such as outdoor splash pads and wading pools, and all swimming pools;
- Beach access and additional camping at Ontario Parks;
- Camping at private campgrounds;
- Outdoor-only recreational facilities and training for outdoor team sports, with limits to enable physical distancing;
- Drive-in and drive-through venues for theatres, concerts, animal attractions and cultural appreciation, such as art installations;
- Film and television production activities, with limits to enable physical distancing; and
- Weddings and funerals, with limits on social gatherings to 10 people.

Everyone, regardless of where they live in the province, must continue to follow public health advice, including to practise physical distancing, wear a face covering if physical distancing is a challenge, wash hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. The government, in partnership with health and safety associations, has released more than [100 health and safety guidance documents](#) to help employers in multiple sectors — including retail, restaurant and food services and child care — keep spaces safe for workers and customers. More information about stage 2 of reopening can be found [here](#) and a list of the regions who will be entering stage 2 on June 12, 2020 can be found in the [announcement](#).

In his second [announcement](#), Premier Ford said that legislation is being proposed that would ban commercial evictions starting June 3, 2020 until the end of August 2020. The proposed changes to the *Commercial Tenancies Act* would, if passed, would stop the evictions of small businesses who qualify for the [Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance \(CECRA\)](#) program, as well as reverse evictions that occurred on or after June 3, 2020. The government intends to bring this legislation forward as soon as possible. We will share information will be shared as soon as it is available.

A reminder that the [application portal](#) for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) is open. Landlords are responsible for applying for this program. Small businesses and landlords can find more information about the program [here](#).

The [Business Resilience Service](#) (BRS) has been launched to provide small to medium-sized businesses, not-for-profit organizations and charities with direct access to a network of qualified business advisors to help provide guidance **free of charge**. This program is being run by the [Canadian Business Resilience Network](#) (a government-funded program by the [Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#)) in collaboration with [EY](#) and with support from [Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada \(CPA Canada\)](#) and [Imagine Canada](#). The BRS program will be provided for four weeks starting May 25 and will involve support from approximately 125 business advisors from across the accounting profession. Organizations can access the BRS seven days a week by calling 1-866-989-1080. Please visit the [BRS website](#) for more information about the program and the assistance being provided.