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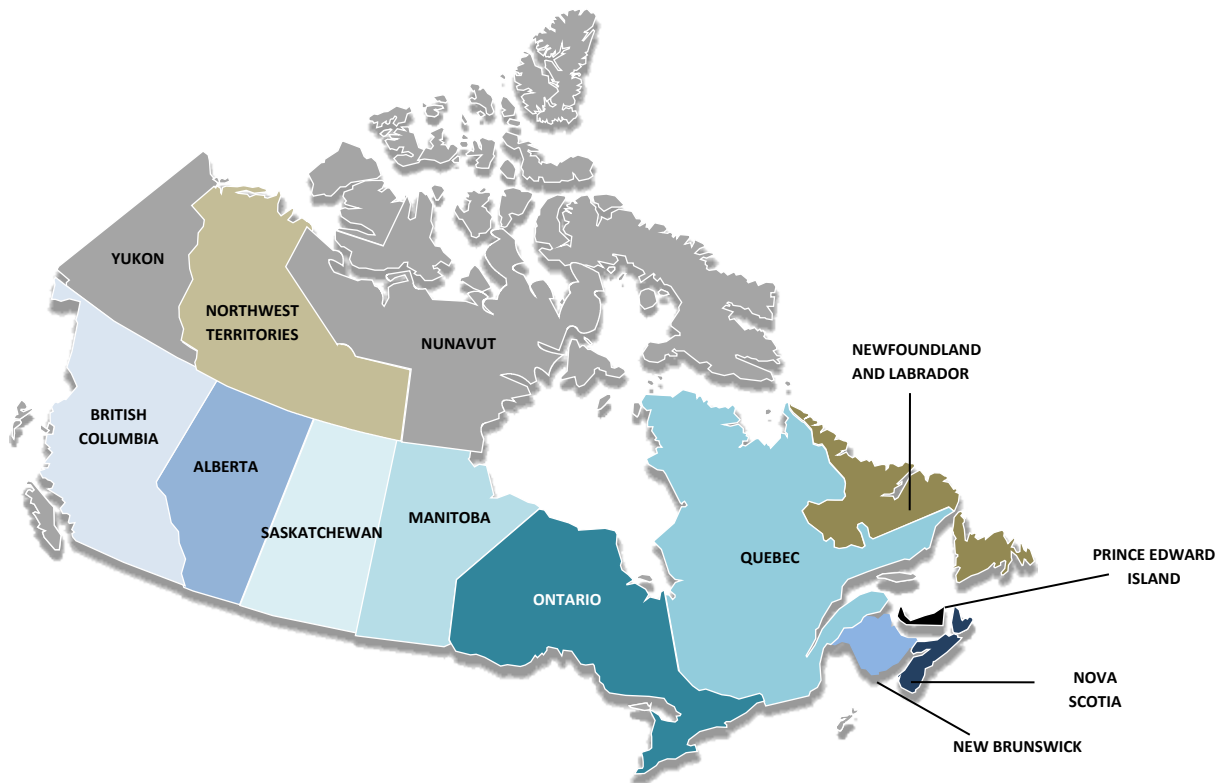
**Report Highlights:**

Following months of closure due to COVID-19, Canadian provinces are gradually allowing restaurants and bars to reopen at reduced capacity and under strict social distancing and public health protocols. Domestic travel is allowed between most provinces, although some require two weeks of isolation upon entry and some prohibit out-of-province visitors. Closure of the U.S.-Canada border to non-essential traffic is widely expected to continue into July.

Canada is gradually reopening its economy with province-specific timelines, priorities, and health guidelines developed in consultation with local health authorities. Ontario and Quebec have been the hardest hit by the pandemic, with nearly 90 percent of Canada’s 97,000 COVID-19 cases despite having only 60 percent of the country’s population. Most cases are concentrated in the Greater Toronto and Greater Montreal areas, which are reopening at a slower pace reflecting higher case counts and higher risk of community transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Foodservice establishments, almost exclusively limited to take out and delivery since March, are gradually reopening on-premise service under strict guidance and in line with provincial plans. More specific information on foodservice status is available below.

International tourism is expected to be closed through the summer of 2020, and international travel is currently limited to the repatriation of Canadian citizens and permanent residents. As of June 8, immediate family members of Canadian citizens and permanent residents are allowed to enter Canada, under certain [conditions](#).





### BRITISH COLUMBIA

[Restaurants, cafes, and bars](#) reopened under enhanced protocols (including < 50 percent capacity) and with sufficient distancing measures from May 22.

[Domestic travel](#) is allowed, although health officials are advising citizens to avoid all non-essential travel.



### ALBERTA

[Restaurants, cafes, and bars](#) reopened on May 14, under enhanced protocols and with sufficient distancing measures. From June 12, these locations can operate at full capacity.

[Domestic travel](#) is allowed, although health officials are advising citizens to avoid all non-essential travel.



### SASKATCHEWAN

[Restaurants, cafes, and bars](#) reopened under enhanced protocols (including < 50 percent capacity) and with sufficient distancing measures from June 8.

[Domestic travel](#) is allowed, although health officials are advising citizens to avoid all non-essential travel.



### MANITOBA

[Restaurants and bars](#) reopened for table service at 50 percent capacity and under specific guidelines from June 1.

[Domestic travel](#) is allowed, although health officials are advising citizens to avoid all non-essential travel. Self-isolation is mandatory for 14 days for individuals entering the province.



### ONTARIO

[Restaurants, bars, food trucks and other food and drink establishments](#) can reopen for dining in outdoor areas only, such as patios, curbside, parking lots and adjacent premises, under special guidelines on June 12. Toronto and Niagara and regions experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks will reopen at a later date.

[Domestic travel](#) is allowed, although health officials are advising citizens to avoid all domestic non-essential travel.



## QUEBEC

**Restaurants** outside the Montreal area can reopen from June 15, including dining rooms and terraces, with protocols and social distancing. In Montreal, restaurants may reopen on June 22.

**Domestic travel** is allowed, although health officials are advising citizens to avoid all domestic non-essential travel.



## NEW BRUNSWICK

**Restaurants and pubs** reopened with social distancing measures on May 8.

**Domestic travel** will be allowed as of June 19, only for Canadians who have property or immediate family in the province, followed by a 14 days mandatory self-isolation. Other domestic travel remains prohibited.



## NOVA SCOTIA

**Restaurants and liquor licensed (drinking) establishments** reopened on June 5, at 50 percent capacity for table service, under specific guidelines.

**Domestic travel** is allowed, although health officials are advising citizens to avoid all non-essential travel. Self-isolation is mandatory for 14 days for individuals entering the province.



## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**Food premises, breweries, cideries and wineries** reopened for in-door dining (<50 persons), with additional persons permitted on patio and under specific guidelines from June 1.

**Domestic non-essential travel** is prohibited.



## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

**Restaurants** reopened on June 8 at reduced capacity and under specific guidelines. Bars, buffets and self-serve options remain closed.

**Domestic non-essential travel** is prohibited.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.