

REOPENING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY:
A Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce Guide
For Businesses and Organizations

In this document, we attempt to summarize the guidance information that has been provided by the Government of Ontario regarding reopening the economy over the coming days and weeks.

Please note that the following document is not a fully comprehensive guide to all possible responsibilities, obligations or actions that your business may have to take to comply with provincial re-opening rules.

This guide is meant to be an outline to get businesses thinking about what is important for their particular operation(s).

The government has advised that they do not expect that a vaccine will be available for 12 to 18 months or more, meaning life will not return to normal for some time. Physical distancing, health screenings, physical barriers (plexiglass), hand washing, surface cleaning, masks and face coverings will be the new normal.

As Ontario's phased re-opening of the economy continues, we encourage all businesses and organizations to create a plan for re-opening if you have been closed. For those who have remained open during the crisis, be sure that you are complying with all requirements.

Government of Ontario Framework for Reopening the Province

[Stage 1 \(PDF\)](#)

[List of Stage 1 Businesses \(PDF\)](#)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

The Government of Ontario has put forward sector-specific guidance for businesses and organizations reopening their operations in the coming days and weeks.

[Guidance from the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development](#)

The Government of Ontario also works closely with health and safety associations. The health and safety associations have released the following series of technical sector guidance documents to further support employers and workers:

| Sector | URL |
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| General Guidelines | <u>Backgrounder: Health and Safety Association Guidance Documents for Workplaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak</u> <u>Guidance on Health and Safety for Curbside Pick Up and Delivery Services during COVID-19</u> <u>Guidance on Health and Safety for Executives and Management during COVID-19</u> <u>Guidance on Health and Safety for Sales and Customer Service Representatives during COVID-19</u> <u>Guidance on handling and receiving packages (all persons at work or at home) during COVID-19</u> |
| Agriculture | <u>Health and Safety Guidance for Agricultural Workers during COVID-19</u> |
| Auto Sales & Service | <u>Guidance on Health and Safety for Service Managers, Service Technicians and other Vehicle Sales and Service Employees during Covid-19</u> <u>Guidance on Health and Safety for Vehicle Sales and Service Sector during COVID-19</u> |

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| Construction | Guidance on worker procedures (handling paperwork) during COVID-19 Guidance on workers' responsibilities with COVID-19 (symptoms or exposure) on construction sites Guidance on construction facility hygiene during COVID-1 Best practices – Responding to a suspected COVID-19 exposure Best practices and workplace responsibilities for the constructor in the construction industry responding to a potential COVID-19 exposure Guidance on Tool Sharing (Hand Tools) Constructor/Employer Procedure during COVID-19 Guidance on PPE (cleaning respirators) during COVID-19 |
| Film/TV | Guidance on Health and Safety for Television Hosts, Technical Crews and other TV and Film Employees during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Television, Film and Live Performance Sector during COVID-19 |
| Fire Services | Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Firefighters |
| Food Retail | Guidance on Health and Safety For Stock, Produce, Meat or Grocery Associates during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Food Retail Sector during COVID-19 |
| Forestry | Workplace Safety North Guidance on forestry during COVID-19 |
| Funeral | Guidance on Health and Safety for Funeral Workers during COVID-19 |
| Health Care | Guidance During COVID-19 For Foodservice Workers In Healthcare Guidance During COVID-19 For Long Term Care Guidance During COVID-19 For Community Laboratory And Specimen Collection Centres |

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| Hospitality | Guidance Hotel Reception, Room Service and Front Line Staff during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Housekeeping and Laundry Employees during COVID-19 |
| Maintenance | Guidance on Health and Safety For Maintenance and Facilities Maintenance Employees during COVID-19 |
| Manufacturing | Guidance on Health and Safety for Equipment Operators and General Labourers during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Quality Control Engineers and Technicians during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Supervisors, Production & Operations Management during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Warehouse Workers, Forklift Operators & Material Handlers during COVID-19 |
| Mining | Workplace Safety North Guidance on mining during COVID-19 |
| Office | Guidance During COVID-19 For Employers of Office Settings Guidance on Health and Safety for Office Administration and Secretarial Staff during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Office Sector during COVID-19 |
| Police Services | Guidance During COVID-19 For Police Service Workers |
| Retail | Guidance on Health and Safety for Cashiers during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Retail Sector during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Retail General Labour Employees during COVID-19 |

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| Tourism/Hospitality | Guidance on Health and Safety for Tourism and Hospitality Sector during COVID-19 |
| Transit | Guidance During COVID-19 For Transit Employers COVID-19: Precautions When Working As A Transit Worker |
| Transport, Shipping & Receiving | Guidance on shipping and receiving during COVID-19 Guidance on mental health awareness for transport drivers during COVID-19 Guidance on precautions for transport drivers during COVID-19 Guidance on fuelling of vehicles during COVID-19 Guidance on cleaning and sanitizing inside your vehicle during COVID-19 Transportation services health and safety during COVID-19 Guidance on rest stop hygiene during COVID-19 Guidance on hours of service and fatigue management (for employers) during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Drivers and Truck Drivers during COVID-19 Guidance on Health and Safety for Shipping and Receiving Personnel during COVID-19 |
| Utilities | Guidance on performing powerline technician (PLT) tasks during COVID-19 Waste collection worker health and safety during COVID-19 |

Online Portal to Assist Business During COVID-19 Crisis

The Ontario Government recently announced the launch of an online portal, [Help Us Help your Business Respond to COVID-19](#).

Request a temporary rule or regulation change to help your business respond to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Some obstacles for your business might be:

- Regulations
- Policy
- Procedures
- Fees
- Applications
- Permits
- Approvals

[Help us Help Your Business form](#) on Ontario.ca.



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For a comprehensive list of additional Covid-19 resources for business, visit:

[Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Resources page](#)
