

STAGE 2: RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES

Overview

Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Order 25-2020 requires businesses and entities to:

- implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among attendees;
- provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms of illness;
- ensure that attendees maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene;
- comply, to the extent possible, with any applicable Alberta Health guidance found at: alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx.

Where any part of this guidance is inconsistent or in conflict with enhanced or stronger public health restrictions set out in another CMOH Order, the enhanced or stronger public health measures would prevail. Operators are also required to follow the [General Operational Guidance](#) and any other applicable CMOH orders.

This document has been developed to support operators of indoor and outdoor recreation and entertainment facilities (e.g., arenas, racing entertainment centres, museums, galleries, science centres, bowling alleys, pool halls, recreation centres, interpretive centres, zoos) in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees (including workers, staff, visitors, and members of the general public). The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention control measures specific to these settings and activities.

In all settings, it is important that measures are implemented to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to ensuring: physical distancing, barrier use (where appropriate), proper hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting, records management and building maintenance (e.g., ventilation).

COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

General Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor and outdoor recreation and entertainment facilities may open, with reduced capacity (see capacity section).<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Indoor amusement parks, indoor water parks, and nightclubs must remain closed for this Stage.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Waterslides at a hotel or recreation centre do not count as an indoor waterpark.• Visitor parties are only permitted to attend these locations with their household or, if they are a person who lives alone, their 2 close contacts.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There must 2 metres' between visitor parties at all times.• Operators should place hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol in convenient locations throughout the facility.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators must ensure 2 metres' distancing between visiting parties, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blocking off areas and/or amenities (e.g., games, pool tables), having separate entrances and exits, staggered entry times, closing off alternate seats, and creating designated line-up areas. • Operators must enhance cleaning and disinfecting practices as described in the COVID-19 General Operational Guidance. • Operators must have plans for a rapid response if a staff member or patron becomes symptomatic while in their facility. For more information on what this plan must include, see the General Operational Guidance. • Operators must ensure ventilation systems are operational and functioning optimally. Refer to the General Operational Guidance for more information on ventilation.
Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor recreation and entertainment facilities are permitted to have attendance of up to 1/3 of fire code occupancy. • Outdoor recreation and entertainment facilities are permitted to have attendance of up to 1/3 of normal capacity. • If the venue is not large enough to maintain 2 metres' physical distancing between visitor parties, the organizer must set a lower attendance limit.
Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors, staff, contractors, etc., must wear a face mask at all times indoors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This includes all indoor sections of an outdoor facility (e.g., washrooms, change rooms). ○ Workers may only remove their face mask when they are alone in a workspace and separated from all other employees or patrons by 2 metres or impermeable barriers.
Fixed Seating Venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All seated venues within or associated with indoor and outdoor recreation and entertainment facilities are permitted to have attendance up to 1/3 normal seating capacity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individuals in the seated venues count towards the capacity of the entire facility. • Refer to the Guidance for Indoor and Outdoor Seated Venues.
Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public outdoor gatherings are permitted at outdoor recreation and entertainment facilities, in accordance with CMOH Order 31-2021 and related guidance on Alberta Biz Connect. • An outdoor recreation and entertainment facility may be rented for an outdoor social gathering, as long as:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There are a maximum of 20 attendees (not including facility staff); and○ There is 2 metres of distance between households and/or an individual who lives alone and their close contacts.● No indoor social gatherings are permitted in this Stage.
Food Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● If there is designated in-person dining at the facility, food and beverages must only be consumed in that location.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dining parties should be limited to the visiting party (i.e., a household or an individual and their close contacts).● If there is no designated in-person dining, food and beverages are still permitted. However, visiting parties must remain physically distanced and should be encouraged to consume their food and beverages prior to engaging with any of the activities.● Any food service providers must follow the Guidance for Food Service and Sales.
Retail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Any retail providers must follow the Guidance for Retail Businesses.
Additional Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Performance and sports venues must also refer to the available guidance (e.g., Guidance for Performing Arts, Guidance for Sport, Fitness and Recreation).● Wedding and funerals must also follow Guidance for Weddings and Funerals.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Receptions for these events are only permitted outdoors.

This document and the guidance within it is subject to change and will be updated as needed.

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