

Information for Workplaces and COVID-19

The following chart will connect you to information, tools and checklists that will guide your business toward re-opening. If you need additional information and support, please call Southwestern Public Health's COVID-19 Call Centre at 1-800-922-0096 Ext. 9.

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Government of Ontario COVID-19 response framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open	Outlines the criteria Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will use to determine which level of public health measures each region is under. The framework provides details of the restrictions for different sectors for each level and includes a list of essential workers in the appendix. The information outlined in the framework is in accordance with the O. Reg 364/20.	https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open
Government of Ontario COVID-19: Help for Businesses in Ontario	Information and advice to help your business navigate the economy during COVID-19 (including financial relief, tax relief, guidance for employers, sector-specific guidance and posters)	www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-support-businesses
Government of Ontario: Resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace	Find sector-specific guidelines and posters to help protect workers, customers and the general public from coronavirus (COVID-19) in Ontario.	www.ontario.ca/page/resources-prevent-covid-19-workplace
Government of Ontario: COVID-19 (coronavirus) and workplace health and safety	This document is to assist employer's on their responsibilities and how they can protect their workers. It also provides information for workers regarding health and safety precautions at the workplace during COVID-19.	https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-coronavirus-and-workplace-health-and-safety
Government of Canada: Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan Support for Businesses	Describes economic support to assist businesses facing hardship as a result of the global COVID-19 outbreak	www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html#businesses
Government of Ontario: Develop your COVID-19 workplace safety plan	This document provides information on how to create a plan to protect workers and others from COVID-19. It includes a template and information regarding the risks of COVID-19 in the workplace and how to control these risks.	https://www.ontario.ca/page/develop-your-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan?

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Government of Canada: Preventing COVID-19 in the workplace: Employers, employees and essential service workers	Gives guidance for employers, employees and essential service workers to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus in the workplace.	www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/preventing-covid-19-workplace-employers-employees-essential-service-workers.html
Government of Canada: Risk mitigation tool for workplaces/ businesses operating during the COVID-19 pandemic	Employers and business owners can use this document to consider COVID-19 related risks associated with their workplace/business, as well as to identify and implement appropriate risk mitigation strategies, including decisions to close workplaces.	www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/risk-informed-decision-making-workplaces-businesses-covid-19-pandemic.html
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety: Pandemic (COVID-19) Tip Sheets	Use these free tip sheets as guidance while operating during a pandemic, including the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Each document offers health and safety tips and good practices, for both employers and workers, specific to each industry or sector. Organizations and businesses can adopt this guidance to protect their workers and prevent the spread of infections. The tip sheets cover a range of occupations and industries from construction and trucking to healthcare and daycares.	www.ccohs.ca/products/publications/covid19/
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety: Pandemic Awareness e-Course	This free course describes what a pandemic is, how a virus spreads, and the impact a pandemic may have on workplaces and our communities. The target audience: all employees, including supervisors and managers.	www.ccohs.ca/products/courses/pandemic_aware/
Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Centre (Public Services Health & Safety Association)	Provides links & resources for workers & employers that are relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic.	www.pshsa.ca/covid-19
Public Health Ontario: Coronavirus Disease--Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings	This document provides guidance on cleaning and disinfection of public settings, including schools, transit, colleges/universities and other workplaces in Ontario.	www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/fact-sheet-covid-19-environmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en

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Navigating COVID-19: Updates and resources for foodservice operators (Restaurants Canada)	Website that provides a handbook with the most up-to-date information on federal and provincial announcements and relief measures; links to a provincial reopening tracker showing how and when each province is planning to permit restaurants to reopen; FAQs, webinars and more.	www.restaurantscanada.org/industry-news/navigating-coronavirus-covid-19-resources-for-foodservice-operators/
When and How to Wear a Mask (Public Health Ontario Factsheet)	Provides information on when to wear a mask, how to wear a mask, how to safely dispose of a mask, and when to dispose/replace a mask.	www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-how-to-wear-mask.pdf?la=en
How to Self-Monitor (Public Health Ontario Factsheet)	Fact sheet that describes how to self-monitor for COVID-19, what to do if you develop these symptoms, and gives instructions on how to self-isolate/report to public health.	www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-self-monitor.pdf?la=en
Environmental Cleaning Practices to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 (Southwestern Public Health)	Describes the where, what, when and how for routine cleaning and disinfecting of frequently used surfaces and objects to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.	www.swpublichealth.ca/en/community-health/resources/Environmental-Health/Seasonal-Housing/SWPH-Cleaning-and-Sanitizing-Instructions.pdf
Visitor Log: Contact Tracing Information (Southwestern Public Health)	A log that can be used for visitors entering the workplace that includes information needed for contact tracing.	www.swpublichealth.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/COVID-19-Resources/COVID-19-Visitor-Log-Contact-Tracing-Information.pdf
COVID-19 Reopening Best Practices (Restaurants Canada)	Outlines best practices for food premises who are operating during COVID-19.	www.restaurantscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/RC_COVID19_Reopening_BestPractices.pdf
Workplace PPE Supplier Directory	This website provides businesses with information on personal protective equipment (PPE) suppliers. It keeps an up-to-date list of Ontario companies and business associations that are ready to supply PPE should your business require it.	covid-19.ontario.ca/how-your-organization-can-help-fight-coronavirus/#find-ppe

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COVID-19 Workplace Outbreak Management: Recommendations (Southwestern Public Health)	Provides recommendations for workplaces to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and manage workplace outbreaks.	www.swpublichealth.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/COVID-19-Resources/COVID19-Workplace-Outbreak-Management-Recommendations.pdf
COVID-19 Toolkit for Businesses and Organizations (Southwestern Public Health)	Provides public health guidance around COVID-19 for businesses and organizations. It also provides an example of a workplace policy surrounding the mandatory use of face coverings within the workplace. This toolkit includes a checklist to help workplaces maintain operations in a manner that reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Links to online resources are also provided.	www.swpublichealth.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/COVID-19-Resources/COVID-19-Reopening-in-SWPH---Toolkit-for-Workplaces.pdf
Government of Ontario- Ministry of Health: COVID-19 Screening Tool for Workplaces (Businesses and Organizations)	Provides a screening tool with basic information and provides recommendations for businesses or organizations for COVID-19 screening in accordance with O. Reg 364/20.	www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/workplace_screening_tool_guidance.pdf