

July 16, 2021

Step 3 Reopening Update for Municipality of Brockton

The Province of Ontario entered **Step 3** of the [Roadmap to Reopening Ontario](#) on **July 16, 2021**. Step 3 focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place. The Provincial Step 3 restrictions include, but are not limited to:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 100 people with limited exceptions;
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people;
- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted with physical distancing;
- Indoor dining permitted with no limits on the number of patrons per table with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect;
- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities to open subject to a maximum 50 per cent capacity of the indoor space. Capacity for indoor spectators is 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 1,000 people, whichever is less. Capacity for outdoor spectators is 75 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 15,000 people, whichever is less;
- Indoor meeting and event spaces permitted to operate with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect and capacity limited to not exceed 50 per cent capacity or 1,000 people, (whichever is less);
- Essential and non-essential retail with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- Personal care services, including services requiring the removal of a face covering, with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- Museums, galleries, historic sites, aquariums, zoos, landmarks, botanical gardens, science centres, casinos/bingo halls, amusement parks, fairs and rural exhibitions, festivals, with capacity limited to not exceed 50 per cent capacity indoors and 75 per cent capacity outdoors;
- Real estate open houses with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres; and
- Indoor food or drink establishments where dance facilities are provided, including nightclubs and restobars, permitted up to 25 per cent capacity or up to a maximum limit of 250 people (whichever is less).

Public health and workplace safety measures, and Orders under the *Reopening Ontario Act* still remain in effect. Face coverings in indoor public settings and physical distancing requirements remain in place throughout Step 3.

However, the Grey Bruce Health Unit issued a [Media Release](#) on July 15, 2021 advising that Grey Bruce will enter a modified Step 3, with strong recommendations instead of regulatory orders to contain the spread of COVID-19 including:

- Limits on private gatherings – **25 people for outdoor gatherings and 5 people for indoor gatherings**
- Strongly encouraged to **dine outdoors**
- Workplaces and patrons follow public health measures, especially gyms, cinemas, and fast food locations.
- Church services and attendees, specifically wedding receptions, follow public health measures.
- Personal service settings and salons continue to require masks be worn, as in Step 2

Grey Bruce continues to see a significant number of COVID-19 cases with 99% being the Delta variant. It is noteworthy that a large number of current cases are in individuals that were not vaccinated or became infected as the result of gatherings where COVID-19 precautions were not followed. Residents are encouraged to receive vaccinations. The Health Unit has advised that until we reach a level of vaccination that protects the entire population, **everyone must continue to be prudent in following COVID-19 precautions.**

The Municipality of Brockton continues to prioritize the health and well-being of residents and businesses by following advice from the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Provincial Government.

A reminder that the Province of Ontario declared the Counties of Grey and Bruce a Delta Variant Hot Spot. The Grey Bruce Health unit urges everyone to continue following public health guidelines, including wearing a mask and physical distancing, and to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

With the announcement of entering into Step 3 of the Reopening Roadmap, the Municipality is providing an update on the impact of Step 3 reopening on Municipal facilities and operations.

Municipal Facilities that are Open:

- Municipal Office
 - No more than **two (2) persons** are allowed in the Municipal Office at one time, and must maintain a **physical distance** of 2 metres/6 feet.
 - Residents must wear a **face covering** when entering the Municipal Office.
 - Residents must use **hand sanitizer** when entering and exiting the Municipal Office.
 - Marriage licences, lottery licences, and Commissioner of Oaths services require an appointment.
- Brockton Child Care Centre
- Brant, Greenock, and Walkerton/Hanover Landfills
 - **Face Coverings** and **Physical Distancing** Required
 - Limit of **10 vehicles at a time** at Brant and Greenock Landfills
 - Curbside collection still encouraged

Outdoor Amenities that Remain Open:

- Greenspaces, Trails, Parks (Including playground structures at parks)
- Basketball Courts and Tennis Courts
- Lobies Campground
 - Reservations must be booked in advance with staff via [email](#) or by calling 519-881-0625.
 - Campers must maintain physical distancing from other residents accessing the park.
- Sports Fields – Soccer Fields and Baseball Diamonds
 - Physical distancing from other persons is required for the use of sports fields
- Summer Camps
 - Registration required - [Register online](#) or contact staff by [email](#) or call 519-881-0625
- Walkerton Centennial Pool
 - Swimming lesson registration required - [Register online](#) or contact staff by [email](#) or call 519-881-0625
- Walkerton Kinsmen Club Splash Pad (Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

*Any person who uses any of the amenities that have remained open, shall maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres/6 feet from any other person using the amenity, other than a person who is a member of the same household/a member of one other household who lives alone/or a caregiver for any member of either household.

Municipal Facilities that Remain Closed Until Further Notice:

- Bradley School House/Community Centre
- Cargill and District Community Centre
- Elmwood Community Centre
- Walkerton Community Centre (With the exception of well water sample drop-offs)
- Walkerton and Elmwood Fire Halls

*Please inquire with the Parks and Recreation Department as to status of facility rentals, programs, and bookings at Community Centres. **Community Centres are finalizing their reopening plans as we enter Step 3. More information will be released when it becomes available.**

Further Information

The Municipality of Brockton will continue to obtain information and updates from the County of Bruce, The Grey Bruce Health Unit, the Province of Ontario and other health agencies and will provide new information to residents when available. The Municipality of Brockton will continue to take all steps necessary to maintain essential services for our residents and local businesses. Please visit [Brockton.ca/COVID19](https://www.brockton.ca/COVID19) for updated information for residents and [Brockton.ca/BusinessRecovery](https://www.brockton.ca/BusinessRecovery) for updated information about businesses, or call the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223.