

ONTARIO OUTLINES STEPS TO CAUTIOUSLY & GRADUALLY EASE PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

On January 20th, the Ontario Government announced they will begin the process of gradually easing current COVID-19 restrictions.

Ontario will follow a phased approach to lifting public health measures, while maintaining protective measures, with 21 days between each step.

Effective **January 31st, 2022** the following changes took place:

- Increasing social gathering limits to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.
- Increasing or maintaining capacity limits at 50 per cent in indoor public settings, including but not limited to:
 - Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments without dance facilities;
 - Retailers (including grocery stores and pharmacies)
 - Shopping malls;
 - Non-spectator areas of sports and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms;
 - Cinemas;
 - Meeting and event spaces;
 - Recreational amenities and amusement parks, including water parks;
 - Museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos and similar attractions; and
 - Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments
- Religious services, rites, or ceremonies.
- Allowing spectator areas of facilities such as sporting events, concert venues and theatres to operate at 50 per cent seated capacity or 500 people, whichever is less.

Enhanced proof of vaccination and other requirements, would continue to apply in existing settings.

[Full details](#)