



June 9, 2020

Premier Jason Kenney announced today in a press conference that Alberta will move to Stage 2 of its economic relaunch plan as early as this Friday, June 12—sooner than initially predicted.

The most stunning announcement was that community centres were included in Stage 2! That said, Stage 2 will allow “community halls, with limits on attendance based on activity” to reopen with two-metre physical distancing requirements and other public health measures in place.

[Click here](#) to review important guidelines to inform your plans and policies required to re-open. How your hall reopens and what attendance will look like depends on your building design and ability to implement the necessary safety plan and measures.

As Toole Peet Insurance has reminded us, we need to have plans in place as per Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services and follow those plans to demonstrate that we are mitigating risk.

The [Government of Alberta’s website](#) states that events and gatherings can be larger in stage 2:

- 50 people maximum: indoor social gatherings, including wedding and funeral receptions, and birthday parties
- 100 people maximum: outdoor events and indoor seated/audience events, including wedding and funeral ceremonies
- No cap on the number of people (with public health measures in place):
 - worship gatherings
 - restaurant, cafes, lounges, and bars
 - casinos (table games are not permitted)
 - bingo halls
- More flexibility for ‘cohort’ groups – small groups of people whose members do not always keep 2 metres apart:
 - a household can increase its close interactions with other households to a maximum of 15 people
 - performers can have a cohort of up to 50 people (cast members or performers)
 - sports teams can play in region-only cohorts of up to 50 players (mini leagues)
 - people could be part of a sports/performing and household cohort.

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Still not approved in stage 2

- social gatherings that exceed above listed maximums
- regular in-school classes for kindergarten to Grade 12. Classes will resume September 2020
- vocal concerts (as singing carries a higher risk of transmission)
- major festivals and concerts, large conferences, trade shows and events (as these are non-seated social events and/or vocal concerts)
- nightclubs
- amusement parks
- hookah lounges (permitted for food and drink only)
- major sporting events and tournaments
- non-essential travel outside the province is not recommended – this won't be lifted until stage 3 of the relaunch strategy

For general workplace guidance [click here](#). To see guidelines for specific activities your community hall would like to host [Click here](#). You can also submit questions through alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx if you cannot find the answer to your question.

Please remember, you still need a plan and policies to re-open, based on the activities and function of your organization. It is prudent to submit the plan to BizConnect for feedback and to post it on your website or hang in your building.

Cleaning Supplies Available through the Friends of the Federation of Calgary Communities

Now that we are moving forward with Stage 2 the Government of Alberta's relaunch, we want to remind you that we have cleaning supplies available through our online website at a reduced cost! From hand sanitizer to protective masks and shields, we have a lot of PPE supplies available. For more information and to place your orders, [click here](#).

Funding for non-profits

On June 6, the Province announced for the following funding for non-profits:

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- The Government of Alberta is committing up to \$200 million in funding for eligible businesses and non-profits to access up to \$5,000 to offset a portion of their relaunch costs. These funds can be used for implementing measures to minimize the risk of virus transmission, rent, employee wages or replacement of inventory. The program's online application is expected to be available in the coming weeks. Program details, including eligibility, are still being confirmed.

Join us on Friday, June 12 for the Presidents/Board Member meeting from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. to chat about this development. We will share any other news as well. Register at: <https://calgarycommunities.com/our-events/>

Stay safe and well!

Cheers,

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