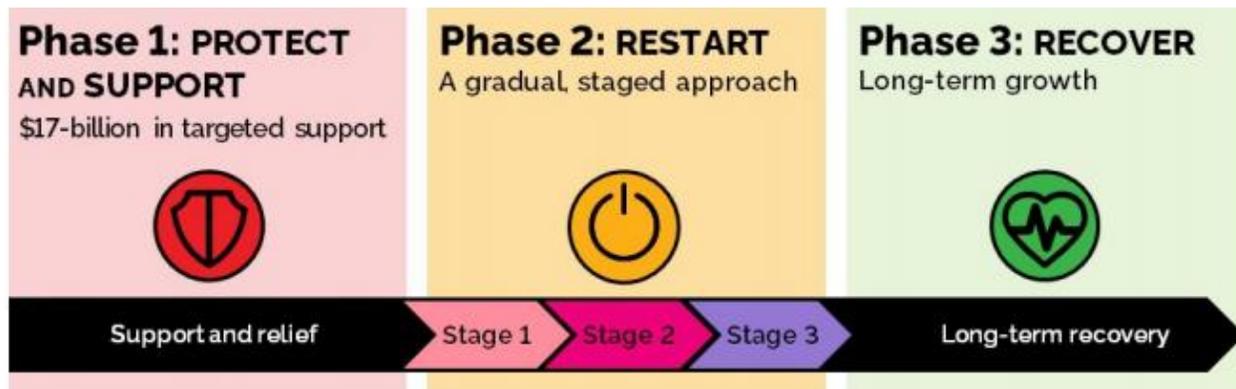


Ontario Announces Plans for Stage 3 of the Reopening

The government continues its gradual, staged approach to re-opening Ontario, by allowing parts of the province to move into Stage 3 as of 12:01 am on **Friday, July 17, 2020**. The province has made significant progress in expanding testing and tracing new cases, as they continually work towards re-opening more businesses, boosting the economy and easing restrictions. The daily number of new cases continues to decline, and with public health and workplace safety measures and restrictions in place, the government is confident that certain regions of Ontario are ready to begin Stage 3 as outlined in [A Framework for Reopening our Province](#).



On Friday, July 17th, the following regions will **enter Stage 3**:

- Algoma
- Brant County
- Chatham-Kent
- Eastern Ontario
- Grey Bruce
- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District
- Hastings Prince Edward
- Huron Perth
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington
- Leeds Grenville & Lanark District
- Middlesex-London
- North Bay Parry Sound District
- Northwestern
- Ottawa
- Peterborough
- Porcupine
- Sudbury & Districts
- Region of Waterloo
- Renfrew County
- Simcoe-Muskoka District
- Southwestern
- Thunder Bay District
- Timiskaming
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph

Based on key public health indicators the regions **remaining in Stage 2** include:

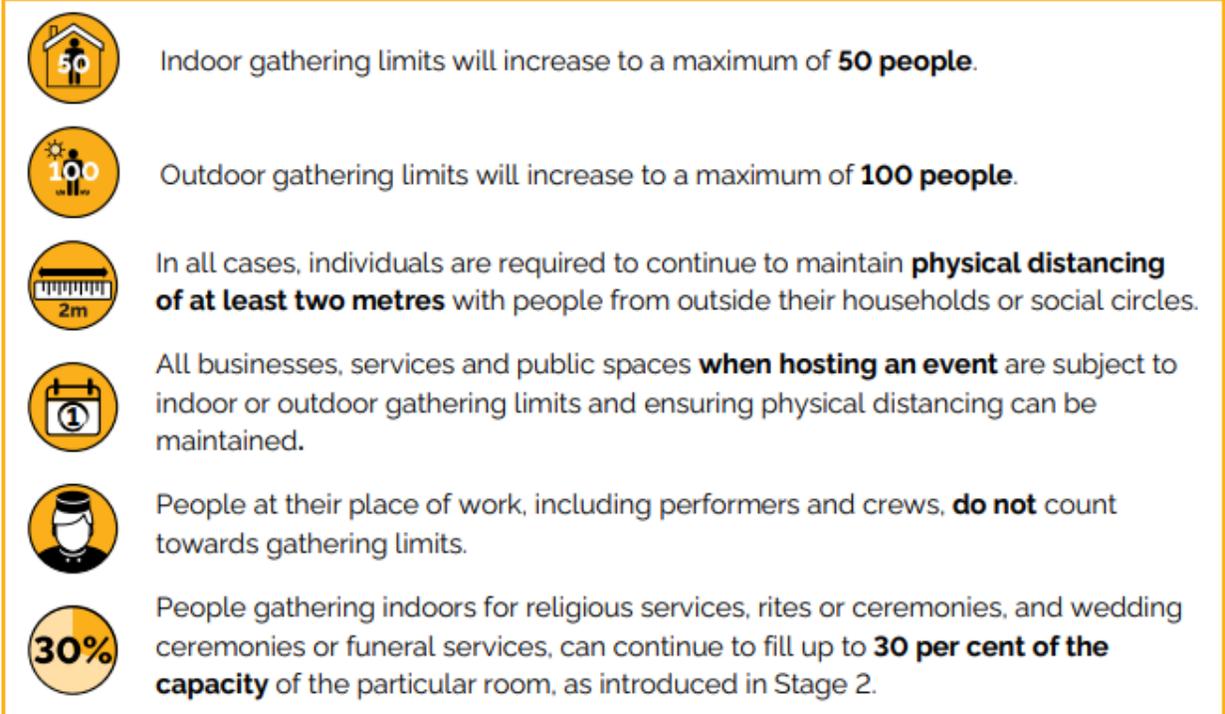
- Durham Region
- Haldimand-Norfolk
- Halton Region
- Hamilton
- Lambton
- Niagara Region
- Peel Region
- Toronto
- Windsor-Essex County
- York Region

The government will continue to provide regular updates on the ongoing assessments of all regions. Current regional and community status updates can be found on the [Reopening Ontario in Stages](#) page.

For the regions entering Stage 3, the limit on public gatherings has been increased to a maximum of 50 people and outdoor public gatherings will be expanded up to 100 people. Physical distancing remains a requirement for individuals

that are not part of the same household or [ten-person bubble](#).

Nearly all businesses and public spaces will be able to reopen as each region enters Stage 3, with strict public health and workplace safety restrictions in place. High-risk venues and activities will remain closed until they can safely resume operations.



-  Indoor gathering limits will increase to a maximum of **50 people**.
-  Outdoor gathering limits will increase to a maximum of **100 people**.
-  In all cases, individuals are required to continue to maintain **physical distancing of at least two metres** with people from outside their households or social circles.
-  All businesses, services and public spaces **when hosting an event** are subject to indoor or outdoor gathering limits and ensuring physical distancing can be maintained.
-  People at their place of work, including performers and crews, **do not** count towards gathering limits.
-  People gathering indoors for religious services, rites or ceremonies, and wedding ceremonies or funeral services, can continue to fill up to **30 per cent of the capacity** of the particular room, as introduced in Stage 2.

Quick Facts

- The government continues to provide updates every Monday to discuss the ongoing assessments of Ontario's regions, and if they are ready to progress to Stage 3.
- To get tested, people should visit Ontario's [website](#) to find local assessment centres and determine if they need to make an appointment.
- For questions on restrictions that will remain in place during Stage 3, review the [Stage 3 Emergency Order](#) or call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.
- The Ontario government has launched a website to provide businesses with information on personal protective equipment (PPE) and suppliers at [Workplace PPE Supplier Directory](#).
- Free online workplace health and safety training is available through Employment Ontario, with topics such as infection control, conducting health and safety incident investigations, slips, trips and falls prevention. Contact an Employment Ontario [service provider](#) in your area to enroll.

Concrete Ontario would like to thank all our members for their continued input and support during these challenging times. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns, so that our industry can continue to work together to ensure that concrete construction continues to be conducted safely and in accordance with government regulations.

Everyone stay healthy and safe!

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