

#RestartMB Pandemic Response System: Safely Restoring Services and Activities in Manitoba – Next Steps

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The Virus

Avoiding the virus is critical not only for your own personal health but the health of others. 7% of those who get COVID-19 require hospitalization to recover. While the elderly are the most vulnerable to the virus, those that are hospitalized are of all ages, from infants to seniors.

Avoiding close-contact settings, crowded places and closed spaces remain important steps we can take until the vaccine is widely distributed and the pandemic is over.

Questions	Yes, very afraid	Somewhat afraid	Not very afraid	No, not afraid at all	Don't know
Are you personally afraid of contracting COVID-19?	12%	33%	27%	28%	0%
Are you afraid that someone close to you (friend, parent, grandparent) will contract COVID-19?	28%	37%	21%	15%	0%

Which of the following statements best reflects your perspective on the COVID-19 vaccines?

I have already received immunization against COVID-19.	3%
I will sign up for vaccination as soon as I am eligible.	53%
I will get the vaccine, but I'm not in a rush to sign-up.	17%
I'm not sure if I will get the vaccine when it is available.	15%
I will not get vaccinated against COVID-19.	12%
Total	100%

Manitoba first received the COVID-19 vaccine in mid-December 2020 and plans to immunize priority populations first. This includes health care workers, seniors in long-term care facilities, adults aged 80 or older and adults at risk living in remote or isolated Indigenous communities.

To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the provincial government's current approach to providing the COVID-19 vaccine?

Strongly approve	40%
Somewhat approve	43%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	6%
Total	100%

COVID Perceptions and Attitudes

Given the current state of the pandemic situation in Manitoba, how comfortable would you feel doing each of the following activities?

	Not at all comfortable	Not very comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Very comfortable	Not Applicable
Going to work / the office	6%	9%	19%	53%	13%
Going to restaurants	19%	15%	26%	39%	0%
Going to the movie theatre	33%	19%	19%	24%	6%
Taking public transit	34%	21%	13%	15%	17%
Going to bars, night clubs and pubs	50%	14%	10%	13%	13%
Shopping at a stand-alone store	2%	5%	30%	63%	0%
Sending children to schools and day cares	5%	8%	24%	44%	18%
Going to the gym / yoga centre	21%	12%	19%	38%	10%
Going to the dentist / chiropractor / massage therapist	3%	6%	24%	67%	1%
Shopping at a mall	11%	16%	32%	41%	1%
Attending religious services / funerals / Pow Wows	21%	15%	19%	35%	11%
Travelling outside of Manitoba	35%	18%	18%	27%	2%

Prior to the pandemic, about how often did you take part in each of the following activities?

	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never
Go to restaurants	52%	39%	8%	0%
Go to the movie theatre	14%	36%	38%	11%
Take public transit	8%	8%	24%	61%
Go to bars, night clubs and pubs	8%	23%	35%	34%
Shop at a stand-alone store	63%	32%	4%	1%
Shop at a mall	45%	43%	11%	1%
Go to the gym / yoga centre	36%	19%	18%	27%
Go to the dentist / chiropractor / massage therapist	38%	49%	12%	1%
Attend a religious service / cultural gathering	33%	14%	23%	30%
Travel outside of Manitoba for pleasure (non-essential reasons)	32%	45%	19%	4%

How likely are you or someone in your household to take part in the following activities in the next three months?

Activity	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Retail, food service or licensed premise				
Restaurant (dine-in)	48%	23%	15%	14%
Bar, night club or pub	9%	12%	23%	55%
Stand-alone store	58%	35%	5%	2%
Shopping mall	45%	34%	15%	6%
Health, therapeutic or personal services business				
Hair salon or barber	66%	22%	7%	5%
Health care professional such as a dentist, chiropractor or massage therapist	62%	28%	7%	2%
Personal services business such as a nail salon, tattoo studio or esthetician	27%	19%	22%	31%
Therapeutic health practitioner such as a reiki practitioner, pedorthist or reflexologist	11%	11%	33%	45%
Recreational, sports, arts or cultural facility				
Organized sports and recreation (outdoor)	26%	20%	27%	27%
Organized sports and recreation (indoor)	28%	17%	24%	31%
Gym, yoga or fitness facility	30%	17%	22%	31%
Casino or bingo hall	4%	6%	20%	70%
Movie theatre or concert hall	11%	22%	27%	40%
Library, museum or gallery	15%	24%	29%	32%

Activity	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Religious service, cultural gathering or wedding				
Religious service	29%	9%	17%	46%
Cultural gathering	11%	10%	26%	53%
Wedding	14%	14%	29%	43%
Travel				
Travel outside of Manitoba for non-essential reasons	20%	16%	26%	39%

Proposed Changes to Public Health Orders

Our numbers are showing that the safe, modest reopening for Manitoba's economy we started two weeks ago has successfully kept our cases down.

Public health officials, following the feedback of Manitobans, have proposed the following changes to the public health orders for all of Manitoba:

- Opening food services including restaurants and lounges.
- Expanding personal services, including nail salons and tattoo parlours, with capacity limits.
- Allowing gyms to reopen for one-on-one individual training sessions.
- Allow places of worship to reopen with capacity limits.
- Opening libraries with capacity limits.
- Allowing organized outdoor sports to resume for games or practices.
- Allowing the film industry to resume work, with safety protocols in place.
- Opening public washrooms at parks and outdoor recreation facilities.
- Increasing public gathering limits for weddings.

Food Services

The proposed change would allow food services, including restaurants and lounges, to reopen at 25 per cent capacity with closure time of 10 p.m., limited to patron groups of household members.

Personal Services

The proposed change would allow personal services businesses, including nail salons and tattoo parlours, to reopen at 25 per cent capacity with adequate physical distancing, enhanced personal protective equipment measures and requirements to collect information for contact tracing purposes.

Gyms and Fitness Facilities

The proposed change would allow gyms to reopen at 25 per cent capacity for one-on-one and individual training sessions with adequate physical distancing, with no group classes.

Places of Worship

The proposed change would allow churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship to reopen at 10 per cent capacity or 50 people, whichever is lower, limited to patron groups of household members.

Libraries

The proposed change would allow libraries to reopen at a maximum of 25 per cent capacity, limited to patron groups of household members.

Organized Outdoor Sports

The proposed change would allow organized outdoor sports to resume for games or practices (no tournaments).

Film Industry

The proposed change would allow the film industry to resume work, with safety protocols in place.

Public Washroom Facilities

The proposed change would allow public washrooms at parks and outdoor recreation facilities to open with 25 per cent capacity and enhanced signage.

Weddings

The proposed change would see an increase in capacity for weddings to up to 10 people in addition to the officiant.

Do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the public health orders are an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening?

Proposed Change	Agree with proposed change	This proposal moves too quickly	This proposal does not reduce restrictions fast enough	Unsure
Opening food services including restaurants and lounges.	55%	21%	21%	4%
Expanding personal services, including nail salons and tattoo parlours, with capacity limits.	68%	12%	16%	4%
Allowing gyms to reopen for one-on-one individual training sessions.	53%	19%	22%	6%
Allow places of worship to reopen with capacity limits.	41%	28%	21%	10%
Opening libraries with capacity limits.	68%	10%	14%	7%
Allowing organized outdoor sports to resume for games or practices.	57%	17%	19%	7%
Allowing the film industry to resume work, with safety protocols in place.	59%	14%	11%	16%
Opening public washrooms at parks and outdoor recreation facilities.	64%	12%	15%	8%
Increasing public gathering limits for weddings.	56%	14%	23%	7%

When considering the proposed changes to the public health orders, with restrictions and safety protocols in place, what is most important to you?

Participants ranked the proposed changes to the public health orders from **most important to least important to them**. The proposed changes ranked the highest are those related to food services, personal services, gyms and organized outdoor sports.

The results below are displayed as an average rank. With an average ranking, the lower the number, the more preferred the option is. For example, if an option shows a value of 2.36, then on average, this option was ranked on 2.36th position. The options for each questions are listed in order from the highest ranked option to the lowest ranked option.

Proposed Change	Average Rank
Opening food services, including restaurants and lounges.	3.27
Expanding personal services, including nail salons and tattoo parlours.	4.44
Allowing gyms to reopen for one-on-one individual training sessions.	4.50
Allowing organized outdoor sports to resume for games or practices.	4.66
Opening public washrooms facilities.	5.11
Allowing libraries to reopen.	5.17
Increasing public gathering limits for weddings.	5.49
Allowing places of worship to reopen.	5.50
Allowing the film industry to resume work.	6.66