

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

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The Virus and Vaccination

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?	10.1%	30.5%	27.8%	31.3%	0.3%
Are you afraid that someone close to you (friend, parent, grandparent) will contract COVID-19?	22.6%	36.6%	22.8%	17.8%	0.2%

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	4%	7%	19%	57%	13%
Going to restaurants	12%	14%	26%	48%	0%
Going to the movie theatre	26%	17%	21%	31%	6%
Taking public transit	30%	20%	14%	17%	19%
Going to bars, night clubs and pubs	41%	16%	13%	16%	15%
Shopping at a stand-alone store	1%	4%	26%	68%	0%
Sending children to schools and day cares	3%	6%	20%	52%	19%
Going to the gym / yoga centre	14%	12%	21%	42%	11%
Going to the dentist / chiropractor / massage therapist	2%	5%	22%	71%	1%
Shopping at a mall	6%	12%	31%	50%	1%
Attending religious services / funerals / Pow Wows	15%	14%	19%	38%	13%
Travelling outside of Manitoba	27%	17%	21%	33%	2%

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

I have already received immunization against COVID-19.	5.0%
I will sign up for vaccination as soon as I am eligible.	54.1%
I will get the vaccine, but I'm not in a rush to sign-up.	16.2%
I'm not sure if I will get the vaccine when it is available.	14.2%
I will not get vaccinated against COVID-19.	10.5%
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	35.5%
Somewhat approve	45.2%
Somewhat disapprove	12.3%
Strongly disapprove	6.9%
Total	100%

Possible Changes to Public Health Orders

Public health officials, following the feedback of Manitobans, are considering possible changes to the public health orders for the entire province, with physical distancing measures, capacity limits and safety protocols in place.

This survey includes a variety of changes that are under consideration by Public Health for future orders over the coming weeks. They include changes to restrictions for household gatherings, increased social and religious gathering limits, allowing more businesses to reopen, expanding capacity limits for some businesses and allowing recreation and fitness to resume with restrictions.

Households and Gatherings

Do you think the options for potential changes to the public health orders regarding gatherings would be an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening, too fast, or too slow?

Potential Change	Appropriate Next Step	Too Fast	Too Slow	Unsure
Allowing households the choice of continuing to designate two visitors to their home, or to designate a second household to visit each other.	39%	6%	52%	3%
Increasing gathering limits at an outdoor place to 10 people.	56%	7%	36%	2%
Increasing the capacity size at places of worship for regular religious services to 25 per cent or 100 persons, whichever is lower.	37%	31%	23%	10%

When considering the proposed changes to the public health orders regarding gatherings, what is most important to you?

The results below indicate the possible changes ranked from **most important to least important**. The potential changes ranked the highest is allowing households the choice of continuing to designate two visitors to their home, or to designate a second household to visit each other.

Potential Change	Average Rank
Allowing households the choice of continuing to designate two visitors to their home, or to designate a second household to visit each other.	1.4
Increasing gathering limits at an outdoor place to 10 people.	2.0
Increasing the capacity size at places of worship for regular religious services to 25 per cent or 100 persons, whichever is lower.	2.6

Business, Retail and Restaurants

Do you think the options for potential changes to the public health orders regarding business, retail and restaurants, would be an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening, too fast, or too slow?

Potential Change	Appropriate Next Step	Too Fast	Too Slow	Unsure
Enabling any type of business to be able to operate with the exception of indoor theatres, indoor concert halls, casino and bingo halls.	57%	12%	27%	4%
Expanding the capacity limits for retail stores, malls, and personal services to 50 per cent or 250 person capacity, whichever is lower.	53%	25%	20%	3%
Expanding the capacity limits for restaurants and licensed premises to 50 per cent capacity.	50%	22%	25%	3%
Allowing businesses to resume operating video lottery terminals.	34%	33%	13%	20%
Allowing professional theatre groups, dance companies, symphonies or operas to resume rehearsals.	58%	13%	18%	10%

When considering the proposed changes to the public health orders regarding business, retail and restaurants, what is most important to you?

The results below indicate the possible changes ranked from **most important to least important**. The potential changes ranked the highest are allowing any type of business to be able to operate with the exception of indoor theatres, indoor concert halls, casino and bingo halls, expanding capacity limits for restaurants and licensed premises and expanding capacity limits for retail stores, malls, and personal services.

Potential Change	Average Rank
Enabling any type of business to be able to operate with the exception of indoor theatres, indoor concert halls, casino and bingo halls.	2.05
Expanding the capacity limits for restaurants and licensed premises to 50 per cent capacity.	2.37
Expanding the capacity limits for retail stores, malls, and personal services to 50 per cent or 250 person capacity, whichever is lower.	2.51
Allowing professional theatre groups, dance companies, symphonies or operas to resume rehearsals.	3.56
Allowing businesses to resume operating video lottery terminals.	4.51

Recreation and Fitness

Do you think the options for potential changes to the public health orders regarding recreation and fitness would be an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening, too fast, or too slow?

Potential Change	Appropriate Next Step	Too Fast	Too Slow	Unsure
Allowing day camps for children to operate at 25 per cent capacity or a maximum group size of 50.	56%	15%	23%	6%
Allowing indoor recreation and sporting facilities to open at 25 per cent capacity for group instruction.	52%	15%	30%	3%
Allowing dance, theatre and music facilities to open for individual instruction and group classes for a total capacity of 25 per cent.	56%	13%	26%	5%
Allowing gyms and fitness centres to provide group instruction or classes at 25 per cent capacity per class.	51%	18%	27%	4%
Allowing indoor recreational facilities such as arcades to open at 25 per cent capacity.	42%	28%	21%	9%
Allowing outdoor amusement parks to open at 50 per cent capacity.	54%	19%	20%	7%
Allowing users of gyms, fitness centres and pools to not wear a mask while taking part in a physical activity.	35%	39%	19%	7%

Recreation and Fitness

When considering the proposed changes to the public health orders regarding business, retail and restaurants, what is most important to you?

The results below indicate the possible changes ranked from **most important to least important**. The potential changes ranked the highest are those related to indoor recreation and sporting facilities, day camps, gyms and fitness centres.

Potential Change	Average Rank
Allowing indoor recreation and sporting facilities to open at 25 per cent capacity for group instruction.	2.37
Allowing day camps for children to operate at 25 per cent capacity or a maximum group size of 50.	3.03
Allowing gyms and fitness centres to provide group instruction or classes at 25 per cent capacity per class.	3.10
Allowing dance, theatre and music facilities to open for individual instruction and group classes for a total capacity of 25 per cent.	3.51
Allowing outdoor amusement parks to open at 50 per cent capacity.	4.19
Allowing indoor recreational facilities such as arcades to open at 25 per cent capacity.	4.79