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Keep yourself and others safe by practising the [Safe 6](#) plus [wearing a mask](#).

Watch the latest [video update](#). For medical questions or if you feel ill phone 811 or launch the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#).

Orders and directions: COVID-19

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State of emergency

We declared a state of emergency on [March 27, 2020](#), and extended it on [June 12, 2020](#), and [September 9, 2020](#).

A state of emergency declaration may last up to 90 days. We can:

- cancel it at any time or:
- continue to extend it by 90 days as long as the pandemic continues to pose a risk to Yukoners.

We have the power to declare a state of emergency under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* (CEMA).

We declared a public health emergency on March 18, 2020.

Powers under a state of emergency

In a state of emergency and a public health emergency, the Minister for Community Services and the Chief Medical Officer of Health can make Orders as required under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* and the *Public Health and Safety Act*.

The Chief Medical Officer of Health can also issue directions, which are different from orders.

Orders

Orders are rules and requirements that are the law. They are legally enforceable. If someone violates an order, they may be charged.

- Charges under the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* (CEMA) may include:
 - fines up to \$500;
 - up to 6 months in prison; or
 - both.
- Charges under the *Public Health and Safety Act* (PHSA) may include fines of up to \$5,000 a day.

Read the list of all [ministerial orders issued to date](#).

Directions

Directions are guidance, best practices and strong advice. Everyone should follow directions to protect the health and safety of all Yukoners, especially the most vulnerable.

Directions are not legally enforceable.

Current orders

Masks

As of December 1, 2020, everyone must wear a mask in all indoor public spaces in Yukon.

Read the [mask guidelines](#).

Read the [mask requirements for schools](#).

Entry into Yukon

As of November 20, 2020, at 5 p.m., everyone entering Yukon is required to self-isolate for 14 days. This includes residents of British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

When anyone enters Yukon, they will either be met by a *Civil Emergency Measures Act* (CEMA) enforcement or information officer, or must stop at a self-service border kiosk. They are required to fill out, sign and submit a declaration form. The form includes their name, address, contact information, recent travel history, purpose for travel to Yukon and information about their self-isolation plan.

Everyone arriving in Yukon must also declare whether they have any COVID-19 symptoms, which include cough, fever and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. If they begin to exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they must seek medical advice, such as by calling the 811 health line, and must comply with that advice.

Read [information for people entering Yukon](#).

Download the [Information for People Entering Yukon brochure](#).

Critical service provider accommodation

Critical service providers are defined as people who are critical to preserving life, health and basic societal functioning, and include specific workers in emergency services, health care, critical infrastructure and legal services.

The requirement to self-isolate may be waived for critical service providers but they must adhere to the health and safety guidance recommended by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Read the [Directions and guidelines for the delivery of critical and essential services](#) .

Read [Critical services in Yukon during COVID-19](#) for more information.

Transiting through Yukon exception

People may transit through Yukon as long as they:

- complete their transit within 24 hours of their entry: and
- follow the instructions listed on signage, or given by a border officer on the route they must take and the types of establishments they may enter.

While in transit, travellers must not stop for any unnecessary reasons. For example, if they need fuel, they should pay at the pump or if they must overnight in a hotel, they must self-isolate in their room.

At all times, they must maintain physical distancing and follow the directions of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Self-isolation

All people must self-isolate in Whitehorse for 14 days, with the following exceptions.

- If a person is a family member of a Yukon resident they are permitted to stay with their family member at their place of residence in Yukon.
- If a person has been in Canada for 14 consecutive days before they came to Yukon and have a home on a placer mining claim or in a work camp, they're able to self-isolate for 14 days at the placer mine or work camp as long as:
 - the home is a single residential unit used to house 1 family, and is the only housing unit at that claim or camp;
 - all of the people self-isolating in the home are related by blood, spousal relationship, or adoption; and
 - the person is bringing with them into Yukon, or has already made arrangements to have delivered to their home, supplies sufficient to last for 14 days without replenishment for everyone self-isolating in the home.

[Find out how to self-isolate and get support.](#)

Gatherings

Social gatherings of more than 10 people indoors and 50 people outdoors are banned.

Everyone gathering should:

- maintain physical distancing;
- wash their hands frequently; and
- follow other hygiene measures.

Yukoners should not attend any social gatherings, no matter the size if they:

- have any flu-like symptoms at all;
- are over 65 years of age; or
- have an underlying health condition.

Visiting long-term care facilities

We've developed a phased approach to [allowing visits to people living in long-term care facilities](#).

At this time, outdoor visits for long-term care homes are permitted.

Prohibited services

A number of services that were previously prohibited under CEMA, such as restaurants, bars and personal services, have been allowed to reopen once we've approved their operational plans.

Read about [closures, cancellations, facility access and services](#).

Read the [ministerial authorizations](#) that enable the lifting of restrictions.

Enforcement

The *Civil Emergency Measures Act* enforcement officers have the duty and authority to enforce CEMA Orders and health emergency orders, under the direction of the civil emergency planning officer.

CEMA enforcement officers may only be selected from Government of Yukon officials who have:

- enforcement authorities under other Government of Yukon legislation; and
- the powers of a peace officer.

These currently include conservation officers, natural resource officers, Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) officers and Yukon Liquor Corporation inspectors.

Schools

Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 students returned to face-to-face classes in public schools at the start of the 2020–21 school year.

Education programs had resumed on April 16, 2020, but we suspended all face-to-face classes for the remainder of the 2019–20 school year.

Libraries

Libraries were closed but are now [providing some services](#).

Recreation centres

Recreation centres were closed but can now reopen if they submit an [operational plan](#) and we approve it.

Read the [Public recreational centre guidelines](#).

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Requirement to monitor and report communicable disease

Under the *Public Health and Safety Act*, anyone who believes or has reason to believe that they're infected with a communicable disease, including COVID-19, must:

- notify as soon as possible the nearest health care provider;
- place themselves under their care; and
- follow the health care provider's treatment plan and advice.

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Federal quarantine measures

From March 25, 2020, the Government of Canada requires mandatory 14-day self-isolation for everyone entering Canada. This applies even if the person does not have COVID-19 symptoms.

Yukoners flying into Canada with symptoms must self-isolate at their arrival destination.

Yukoners flying into Canada who do not have symptoms may travel home to the territory. Once there, they must quarantine for 14 days under the federal rules. Find out about [federal quarantine laws](#).

Learn more about the [federal order making self-isolation mandatory for people arriving in Canada](#).

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Current directions

Travel to rural Yukon and BC

At this time, responsible travel to rural communities is permitted. We ask travellers to take extra precautions and be more self-contained.

Read the [Travel to Yukon communities guidelines](#).

Travel in and out of Yukon

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 and to protect Yukon's most vulnerable citizens, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health strongly advises the suspension of all non-essential travel into and out of Yukon.

Yukoners abroad

All Yukoners planning to return home are advised to return now.

Read [travel information for Yukoners abroad](#).

Work from home

People who can work from home are requested to do so. Employers are asked to look for ways to support employees to work from home where possible.

Delivery of critical, essential and other services

When delivering critical, essential and other services, workers and employers should follow the [Direction and guidelines for the delivery of critical, essential and other services](#).

Read the [delivery of services guidelines: travel to communities](#).

Read the [guidelines for information sharing and engagement on provision of services in Yukon's rural communities during COVID-19](#).

Hospitals

Non-urgent services, such as bloodwork, x-rays and imaging procedures, and some elective surgeries, have resumed.

Yukoners should seek health care and medical treatment at a hospital by appointment only.

The hospitals continue to provide urgent emergency care. Visitor restrictions are still in place.

Go to the [Yukon Hospital Corporation](#) website for the latest information on visiting people in hospital and accessing hospital services.

Childcare

- Licensed child care operators can now provide care for the children of all Yukon families.
- Child care operators can return to their pre-COVID-19 enrolment numbers.

- Summer day camps can operate following guidelines. Overnight camps are not permitted.

Read about [child care centres and family day homes](#).

Safe 6

[Follow the Safe 6](#) to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep yourself as well as your family and friends.

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