



Update – May 15, 2020

1) North Simcoe Recovery Framework

- With the Provincial Government's [Framework for Reopening our Province](#); we are excited to share the Town of Midland has started a process for Recovery Framework for re-opening, aligning efforts with our neighbours (Penetanguishene, Tay & Tiny). Working together, we have formed a committee to explore the process of the recovery framework.
- Working collaboratively with both our neighbours and engaging our employees will ensure a smooth, safe and thorough transition into our workplaces and offering services to our residents.
- This process will be driven by recommendations and best practices from Government, Health agencies to effectively reduce the risk and ensure the wellbeing and safety of our employees.

2) How Germs Spread

To understand the enemy, you must understand how it spreads. Here's a short visual of what we are up against when dealing with germs/viruses: [How Germs Spread - An Eye-Opener!](#)

3) Ontario Announces Additional Workplaces that Can Reopen when safe to do so

The government announced some seasonal services and activities will be permitted to open as early as Saturday May 16, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., in time for the Victoria Day long weekend, as key public health indicators continue to show progress. As soon as 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020:

- Golf courses will be able to open, with clubhouses open only for washrooms and restaurants open only for take-out.
- Marinas, boat clubs and public boat launches may open for recreational use.
- Private parks and campgrounds may open to enable preparation for the season and to allow access for trailers and recreational vehicles whose owners have a full season contract.
- Businesses that board animals, such as stables, may allow boarders to visit, care for or ride their animal.

Assuming trends in key public health indicators continue to improve, Ontario's first stage of reopening will begin on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and will include:

- Retail services that are not in shopping malls and have separate street-front entrances with measures in place that can enable physical distancing, such as limiting the number of customers in the store at any one time and booking appointments beforehand or on the spot.
- Seasonal businesses and recreational activities for individual or single competitors, including training and sport competitions conducted by a recognized national or provincial sport organization. This includes indoor and outdoor non-team sport competitions that can be played while maintaining physical distancing and without spectators, such as tennis, track and field and horse racing.
- Animal services, specifically pet care services, such as grooming and training, and regular veterinary appointments.
- Indoor and outdoor household services that can follow public health guidelines, such as housekeepers, cooks, cleaning and maintenance.
- Lifting essential workplace limits on construction.



- Allowing certain health and medical services to resume, such as in-person counselling and scheduled surgeries based on the ability to meet pre-specified conditions as outlined in A Measured Approach to Planning for Surgeries and Procedures During the COVID-19 Pandemic, as well as resuming professional services such as shifting Children's Treatment Centres from virtual to in-person.

To read the full media release, visit: [Additional workplaces can reopen](#)

4) Declaration of Emergency Extended While Ontario Gradually Reopens the Economy

- The Declaration of Emergency has been extended until June 2. The declaration will allow Ontario to continue to enforce current emergency orders, such as restricting retirement and long-term care home employees from working in more than one facility and prohibiting events and gatherings of more than five people.
- A full list of emergency orders can be found on the [e-Laws website](#), under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

To read the full media release, please visit: [Declaration extended, economy gradually reopening](#)

5) Province opening Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves for limited day-use

- The Ontario government is opening provincial parks and conservation reserves for limited day-use access. 520 provincial parks and conservation reserves across the province opened on Monday May 11, 2020, with the remaining 115 opening today (May 15). At this time, recreational activities will be limited to walking, hiking, biking and birdwatching. Day visitors will also be able to access all parks and conservation reserves for free until the end of the month.
- At this time, camping and other activities are not permitted at any provincial park or conservation reserve. All buildings and facilities including washrooms, water taps, campgrounds, backcountry campsites, roofed accommodations, playgrounds, and beaches continue to be closed.
- Before planning your trip, please visit <https://www.ontarioparks.com/park-locator> to check the status of your local provincial park.

To read the full media release, visit: [Provincial Parks & Conservation Reserves opening](#)

If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use [Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you need to seek further care.

Remember to pre-screen daily when entering any Town building.

Any changes within a department will now be provided to Randy to be included in an update and copied to HR@midland.ca for tracking.