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Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen – Aquatic Facilities

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[Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen](#) is a three-step plan that guides a safe and gradual reopening of the province and the lifting of public health measures based on the province-wide vaccination rate and improvements in key public health and health system indicators.

The province will remain in each of the steps for at least 21 days to evaluate any impacts on key public health indicators. If at the end of the 21 days, the vaccination thresholds have been met, alongside positive trends of other key public health and health system indicators, then the province will move forward.

Public health and workplace safety measures would continue to apply across all steps, including maintaining physical distance, capacity limits and wearing face coverings in indoor spaces and whenever physical distancing is a challenge.

The province will be relaxing the current Stay At Home Order on June 2, 2021 as it transitions to the Roadmap to Reopen.

The Roadmap to Reopen follows the existing regulations under the Reopening Ontario Act:

- Ontario Regulation 82/20 applies to Before Step 1 (Shutdown)
- Ontario Regulation 82/20 applies to Step 1 (Grey)
- Ontario Regulation 263/20 applies to Step 2
- Ontario Regulation 364/20 applies to Step 3
- Emergency Order Amendments are first posted here:
www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information

The steps of the Roadmap to Reopen for aquatic facilities, which will be applied provincially, are as follows:

(Note: more information and regulatory updates are expected.)

Before Step 1 – as of May 22, 2021

- Outdoor splash pads and spray pads open.
- Boat and watercraft launches, marinas and boating clubs may open, with restrictions.
- Waterfronts and swimming beaches may open.
- Ontario parks and campgrounds may open with restrictions.

- Indoor and outdoor sports facilities, community centres, and multipurpose facilities may be used for high-performance athletes, childcare, mental health and addiction support services, social services and physical therapy (subject to conditions):
 - Example: Training for exempt Olympic athletes under specific conditions.
 - Example: Swimming for persons with disabilities under specific conditions.
- Lifeguard training & certifications: Health and safety training with 10 persons max. (indoors or outdoors):
 - Example: Aquatic staff training.
 - Example: Lifeguard and Assistant Lifeguard courses and recertifications.
 - Example: First aid courses and recertifications.
- Accessing indoor or outdoor facilities to perform maintenance and/or to prepare the business or place to be reopened.

Step 1 – approximately June 14, 2021

- Outdoor pools, whirlpools, wading pools and waterslides open with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres.
- Setting capacity limits at 25% are recommended at this step.
- Day camps open based on guidance from the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- Outdoor aqua fitness classes with 10 persons maximum and 3 metres of physical distancing.
- Outdoor team sports (training only) with 10 persons maximum and 3 metres of physical distancing.
- Swimming lessons: In-person teaching and instruction outdoors, 10 persons maximum, at least 2 metres from every other person in the instructional space, except where necessary for teaching and instruction that cannot be effectively provided if physical distancing is maintained.
- Lifeguard training & certifications: Health and safety training with 10 persons maximum (indoor or outdoors).
- Accessing indoor or outdoor facilities to perform maintenance and/or to prepare the business or place to be reopened.

Step 2 – approximately July 5, 2021

- Outdoor waterparks and amusement parks open with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres.
- Overnight camps open based on guidance from the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, including epidemiological context and other specific conditions.

- Outdoor aqua fitness classes with 25 persons maximum and 3 metres of physical distancing.
- Training for professional and amateur athletes and/or competitions and outdoor sports leagues.
- Swimming lessons, outdoor locations: In-person teaching and instruction, at least 2 metres from every other person in the instructional space, except where necessary for teaching and instruction that cannot be effectively provided if physical distancing is maintained.
- Lifeguard training & certifications: Health and safety training with 10 persons maximum indoors or 25% capacity outdoors (with 2 metres distancing).
- Accessing indoor or outdoor facilities to perform maintenance and/or to prepare the business or place to be reopened.

Step 3 – approximately July 26, 2021

- Indoor and outdoor pools, splash pads, spray pads, whirlpools, wading pools and waterslides open with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres.
- Indoor and outdoor waterparks and amusement parks open with capacity restrictions.
- Community centres and multi-purpose facilities open as per sports and recreational fitness facilities and in-person teaching and instruction restrictions.
- Indoor and outdoor aqua fitness classes with some restrictions.
- Swimming lessons, indoor and outdoor locations: In-person teaching and instruction, at least 2 metres from every other person in the instructional space, except where necessary for teaching and instruction that cannot be effectively provided if physical distancing is maintained.
- Lifeguard training & certifications: Health and safety training with some restrictions (indoor and outdoor).

Operators should consult their local municipality, public health unit and relevant sport or industry organizations for guidance on any further restrictions for their facilities or activities.

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