

Public Health's data on confirmed cases and laboratory testing for COVID-19 as of Wednesday June 10, 2020:

- Testing at the microbiology laboratory at the Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre in Moncton identified **4 new cases today**.
- The total number of confirmed cases in New Brunswick is **151**.
- **29 active cases**
- 121 cases recovered
- **5 hospitalized cases**
- **1 patient is in an intensive care unit**
- 1 death at a long-term facility
- **35,263** total tests to date.

The current public health alert levels are:

- Orange in Health zone 5 (Campbellton region)
- Yellow in the rest of the province

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[Four new cases of COVID-19; Zone 5 remains orange](#)

Information

New Brunswick recorded its first death related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Public Health confirmed that an individual between 80 and 89, with underlying health issues, died June 4 in Zone 5 (Campbellton region) because of complications related to COVID-19.

The following rules apply to **Zone 5**, which extends from Whites Brook to the Village of Belledune, including Tide Head, Atholville, Campbellton, Dalhousie, Eel River Dundee, Eel River Bar First Nation, Balmoral, Charlo and Belledune:

- A two-household bubble is permitted. Your household can join up with one other household, if both households mutually agree. You must not have close contact with anyone else. You cannot join up with more than one household or bubble.
- Non-regulated health professionals and businesses such as acupuncturists and naturopaths cannot operate at this time.
- Personal services businesses such as barbers, hair stylists, spas, estheticians, manicurists, pedicurists, and tattoo artists cannot operate at this time.

Officials from WorkSafeNB and the Department of Public Safety are in the area to ensure compliance. They are closely monitoring and assessing the situation. Those with concerns can contact a toll-free information line by calling 1-844-462-8387 or by emailing helpaide@gnb.ca.

Face coverings

Direction regarding wearing face coverings when entering businesses open to the general public has been clarified. Cabinet has reviewed the decision and it was not the intent to place an additional expectation on businesses or the public regarding wearing a face covering in a public space. Therefore, there will be no change to the state of emergency order that has been in place since May 14 regarding face coverings. Anyone who is in a public area, where physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained, must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth unless they are a child under the age of two or if they cannot wear one for medical reasons.

People are strongly encouraged to have a mask with them at all times when in a public area, so they can put it on if physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Border restrictions remain in place

- All unnecessary travel into New Brunswick remains prohibited, and peace officers are authorized to turn away visitors when they attempt to enter.
- Canada and the US have agreed to a one-month extension to the current border measures which will now expire on June 21, 2020. New Brunswick supports these measures. So far, critical U.S.-Canada supply chains appear to have been unaffected by the border closure.
- Everyone entering New Brunswick at any point of entry, including airports, must stop when instructed to do so by a peace officer and answer any questions as required to support the intent of the requirements of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- With few exceptions, anyone who comes to New Brunswick from outside the province and remains here is required to self-isolate for 14 days. Information for international and interprovincial travellers can be found [here](#).
- Residents of Campobello have been able to access necessity items in Maine with minimal difficulty.

Next phase of recovery

The COVID-19 recovery plan moved to the next phase of the yellow level on June 5, for all areas of the province except Zone 5.

The yellow level includes the gradual reopening of more businesses and activities while working to prevent a resurgence of the virus.

During this phase of the yellow level, more restrictions are being eased, subject to maintaining physical distancing measures, [general guidelines from Public Health](#) and the [Guidelines for New Brunswick Workplaces](#) issued by WorkSafeNB.

Businesses that choose to reopen during this phase must prepare an [operational plan](#) that can be provided to officials, if requested.

The following went into effect on June 5:

- Indoor gatherings in private homes of 10 people or fewer are permitted.
- Outdoor public gatherings of 50 people or fewer will be permitted with physical distancing.
- Religious services, including wedding and funerals, of 50 people or fewer may take place indoors or outdoors with physical distancing.
- Elective surgeries and other non-emergency health-care services will increase.
- Outdoor visits with up to two visitors for residents in long-term care facilities will be permitted with physical distancing, if the facilities are able to do so.
- Low-contact team sports will be permitted. Sports may operate as per the guidance provided by their respective national or provincial organizations if they identify means to limit the number and intensity of close contact during play. Players should check with their local organization to ensure it will be operating. All provincial, regional and local leagues shall maintain [operational plans](#). Sport organizations can contact the [Sport and Recreation Branch](#) of the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture for more information. Youth leagues must ensure that spectators are limited to one accompanying adult per child.
- The following will be permitted to open:
 - o swimming pools, saunas and waterparks (gathering limit of 50 people per separate activity area)
 - o gyms, yoga and dance studios
 - o rinks and indoor recreational facilities (gathering limit of 50 people per separate activity area and gathering limit of 50 spectators).
 - o pool halls and bowling alleys.

Effective Friday, June 19:

- Overnight camps will be allowed to open.

Opening of other sectors to be determined

The reopening of casinos, amusement centres, bingo halls, arcades, cinemas, bars (without seating), trade shows and conferences, large live performance venues and larger public gatherings will be determined once additional evidence is available on the province's success in managing a resurgence of the virus.

Information on public health recovery phases, measures and guidelines [is available online](#).

Indoor visitation for long-term care facilities with controls

Long-term care facilities can allow visitors inside the facilities as of June 19, 2020 but must adhere to Public Health guidelines, including having an operation plan.

Patients/residents will select their visitors and names must be provided to the facility in advance. Patients/residents are permitted to change their designated visitor with notice in advance. One visitor at a time will be permitted unless the visitor requires support, in which case two visitors will be allowed at a time.

All visitors are required to comply with the public health measures that are in place, including staying home if unwell and self-isolating for 14 days if travel outside the province has occurred. Visitors are required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering during their visit and must adhere to the institutions' policies and practices for infection prevention and control, including alcohol hand rinse before entering the facility.

For visitors from another province, a process has been established with the Department of Public Safety/Red Cross to apply for an exemption in advance to cross inter-provincial borders for compassionate reasons (application form attached) or the individual can be directed to call 1-800-863-6582. Once a visitor arrives in the province, they must self-isolate for 14 days prior to visiting and they will be monitored by regional Public Health during this time.

All facilities will be required to develop a plan to manage visitations that aligns with current resources and space to ensure control measures are being followed. All visitors must be screened for symptoms prior to entering the facility.

Canadian residents entering New Brunswick

Canadian residents who own property in New Brunswick OR Canadian residents, who have immediate family in New Brunswick (parent, child, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, significant other) will be permitted to enter the province and access their property as of June 19, 2020 but must adhere to Public Health guidelines, including self-isolating for 14 days upon entry.

Canadian residents are encouraged to plan ahead before entering the province including packing or having a friend pick up groceries or other required products. Canadian residents are to go directly to their property and make no trips to local stores during their 14 days of isolation.

Long Haul Truck Drivers

Public Health is working with partners, including the Department of Public Safety, to investigate further options on testing New Brunswick long-haul truckers. Testing is available for long-haul truckers who are New Brunswick residents. Truck drivers that wish to get tested for COVID-19, can call Tele-Care 811 for details. New Brunswick long haul truckers, who are asymptomatic and voluntarily test, do not have to self-isolate while they wait for results, nor do they need to self-isolate for 14 days if they test negative.

Temporary foreign workers to be permitted

Temporary foreign workers may enter New Brunswick under strict public health guidance, including isolating for 14 days before beginning work.

Post-secondary education institutions

Registered students can move to the province to resume or start studies at New Brunswick post-secondary institutions for the fall semester. This includes students from other provinces and from outside of the country, provided that Canadian borders are open to other countries at that time. They will be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. Students are not permitted to commute daily from outside New Brunswick to attend classes.

(PETL) Student Loan Information

Effective March 30, 2020, interest and payments on New Brunswick student loans have been suspended for six months. Students do not need to apply for the repayment pause.

Playgrounds

Early learning and child care facilities will now be permitted to resume using outdoor playgrounds and equipment, provided they continue to follow the required stringent cleaning protocols. More information on which school facilities are open to the public, such as playgrounds and sports fields, is available through each respective school district.

Local governments can open their parks and playgrounds if they can ensure they meet the requirements outlined by Public Health.

Top-up funding for front-line workers

Those eligible for the funding include employees in:

- early learning and child care facilities
- home support
- special care homes, community residences and group homes
- homeless shelters and food banks
- domestic violence outreach and transition homes
- Workers must earn \$18 per hour or less to be eligible.
- The top-up will be paid by employers every four weeks. The exception will be child care facilities, which will split the first and last payments to align with existing payment schedules.
- Workers at early learning and child care facilities will receive their top-up retroactive to May 19 and it will continue for 16 weeks. This is in recognition of their return to work as the child care sector reopened.
- All other sectors will be paid retroactively from March 19 to July 9.
- Employers will be reimbursed by the departments of Education and Early Childhood Development or Social Development.

Rules for visiting patients nearing end of life

- Patients will be permitted to designate two visitors to provide comfort and support.
- The two individuals selected will be the only visitors permitted and only one visitor is permitted at a time. No substitutions will be permitted.

- If a designated visitor, such as a frail, elderly spouse or person with a disability, requires a second person to support them, this person would count as the second chosen visitor.
- All designated visitors:
 - Will be required to maintain physical distancing and limit their interactions with facility staff and the public.
 - Must leave the patient's room when staff are conducting procedures.
 - Must monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 and refrain from visiting should symptoms appear.
 - Must follow facility rules regarding infection control for other viruses, such as influenza and the common cold.

Connecting New Brunswickers with available job opportunities

- The provincial government's virtual job-matching platform, [JobMatchNB](#), is available to help employers find potential workers and to help people find job opportunities.

Information line and email

- The toll-free information line to help answer non-health-related questions, including questions about compliance with the state of emergency, is operational seven days a week.
- It offers services in both official languages and the hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- The phone number is 1-844-462-8387 and the email address is helpaide@gnb.ca.

(DH) Transmission

- COVID-19 is most commonly spread from an infected person through:
 - respiratory droplets generated when you cough or sneeze;
 - close, prolonged personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands; OR
 - touching something with the virus on it, then touching your face, mouth, nose or eyes without washing your hands.

(DH) Measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19

- New Brunswickers are directed to practice physical distancing (6 feet/2m) when going out and frequently wash hands with water and soap for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (minimum content of 70% alcohol) to prevent further spread of the virus.
- Wearing a community face mask is required when in public and physical distancing cannot be maintained.

(DH) Testing

- **Testing protocols**

Symptoms that determine when a COVID-19 test is administered:

- a new onset of fatigue;
- a new onset of muscle pain;
- diarrhea;
- loss of sense of taste or loss of sense of smell; and
- in children, purple markings on the fingers or toes (even if no other symptoms are present);
- fever above 38°C;
- a new cough or worsening chronic cough;
- sore throat;
- runny nose; and
- headache.

(DH) Credible and trusted sources of information

- Be cautious of what you see on social media, refrain from spreading rumours, and ensure the information you do share comes from trusted sources.
- The provincial government works closely with the federal government and the World Health Organization to ensure accurate information and guidance based on hard facts, evidence-tested protocols and best practices are shared with New Brunswickers as quickly as possible.

(DH) Equipment for the health-care sector

- The province continues to work closely with the federal and other provincial governments to ensure we have access to necessary supplies, including ventilators, testing kits, masks, face shields, gowns and hand sanitizer to meet the demand of the health-care sector.
- Suppliers interested in selling personal protective equipment to the Government of New Brunswick can register, free of charge, with the [New Brunswick Opportunities Network \(NBON\)](#).
- To support the New Brunswick business community, the Government of New Brunswick has launched a COVID-19 Business Preparedness Directory. In this directory, suppliers interested in selling personal protective equipment, sanitization supplies, or other related products/services required by businesses to operate while complying with public health

measures can submit a listing in the directory, free of charge. New Brunswick businesses can also refer to this directory to find possible sources of supply for PPE and other related products/services. The directory is available at <https://www.covid19nbppe-epinb.ca/>

(DH) Self-isolation

- People must self-isolate for at least 14 days if they have:
 - returned from travel outside of New Brunswick,
 - been diagnosed with COVID-19, or are waiting to hear the results of a lab test for COVID-19,
 - symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild,
 - been in contact with a suspected, probable or confirmed case of COVID-19.
- The general rules of self-isolation are to:
 - stay at home,
 - monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19,
 - avoid contact with others,
 - follow local public health authority advice.

- If there are suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases in your home, you should:
 - stay in a separate room and use a separate bathroom if possible,
 - keep at least 2 metres between yourself and other people,
 - keep interactions brief and wear a community face mask,
 - do not share personal items, such as toothbrushes, towels, bed linen, utensils or electronic devices.

(DH) Mental Health

- This pandemic is creating stress and anxiety for many New Brunswickers. We're all in this together. The situation may not be affecting everyone in the same way, but it is affecting everyone.
- Remember that you are not alone, and help is available: contact your primary care provider or your local Addiction and Mental Health Service; visit the Canadian Mental Health Association of New Brunswick; or call or text KIDS HELP PHONE.
- We must take care of ourselves and each other: connect with others; take deep breaths, stretch or meditate; get plenty of sleep, exercise and eat well; do things that make you happy.

(DH) Substance Use

- Individuals who smoke or use substances such as opioids, benzos and alcohol are often at greater risk of developing complications if infected with COVID-19.
- People who are already receiving treatment for substance use disorders NEED to stay in treatment and in contact with counsellors; this is not a time to avoid treatment.
- Use precautions and harm reduction measures when possible:
 - Find “buddies” who can bring you food, harm reduction supplies, medicine, and substances.
 - Do not share supplies.
 - Clean surfaces with soap and water, alcohol wipes, bleach or hydrogen peroxide before preparing drugs if possible.
 - Carry naloxone and have an overdose plan.
 - Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use tissues.
 - Use a community face mask to prevent you from coughing, sneezing onto others.

(DH) Blood donation

- The need is constant for blood, stem cells, plasma and organ and tissue donors.
- Canadian Blood Services is asking all healthy eligible donors to book and keep appointments. To make an appointment to donate, download the GiveBlood app, call 1-888-2-DONATE or book at blood.ca. More information is available at blood.ca/covid19.

(DAAF) Food production

- The Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries has enhanced funding programs to better support farmers and agri-food businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In addition to the loans for working capital offered by the provincial government, producers, agribusinesses and food processors also have access to federal programs and to Farm Credit Canada’s enhanced lending capacity. Agricultural producers also have access to a suite of business risk management programs including AgriInsurance, AgriStability and AgriInvest. Enrollment deadlines for AgriInsurance and AgriStability have been extended to due to COVID-19.
- The Atlantic Fisheries Fund has been adjusted to help assist our fish and seafood sectors as they navigate the challenges of COVID-19.
- The department is also working with the Department of Public Safety regarding access and reliability of the food supply chain as well as engaging the federal government on this issue.

(EECD) School Closures

- All students who were positioned to continue to the next grade level for the 2020-21 school year in January 2020 will do so.

- All Grade 12 students who, as of January 2020, were on track to graduate in June 2020 will graduate on time and receive a New Brunswick high school diploma.
- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has provided school districts with guidelines for planning graduation ceremonies. The guidelines, developed in collaboration with the seven school districts based on advice from Public Health, outline parameters for physical distancing and provide schools with suggested, but not mandatory, options for ceremonies.
- Schools will be responsible for developing their individual graduation ceremony plans and submitting them to their respective districts for approval. Schools are encouraged to be creative in their planning and look at this as an opportunity to try new ways of celebrating.
- Ceremonies are anticipated to take place between June 15 and 19. Parents are encouraged to reach out directly to their school for more information on approved plans for graduation ceremonies.
- The government will work with post-secondary institutions to ensure this crisis does not prevent students from being eligible for admission to post-secondary studies in the upcoming school year.

(EMO / Public Safety) Declaration of Emergency

- The state of emergency mandatory order allowing the province to move to the next phase of its recovery plan was renewed and revised on June 5. The latest version of the declaration [is available online](#).
- The majority of New Brunswickers are respecting the rules imposed under the state of emergency. However, law enforcement agencies are receiving hundreds of calls weekly from people concerned about violations. Most of these violations are resolved through education.
- As of June 8, there have been 139 prosecutions commenced – including tickets and charges – for non-compliance with the state of emergency order. A peace officer may issue a fine in the amount of \$240 plus surcharge and fees. In instances where an offence is brought to court, in certain circumstances a judge may issue a fine to an amount not exceeding \$10,200 plus surcharge and fees.
- Peace Officers with the Department of Public Safety continue to conduct compliance checks of businesses. While most of the businesses checked have been complying, failing to comply with or obstructs any direction, or requirement pursuant to the

Emergency Measures Act is considered an offence that carries a fine to a maximum of \$10,200.

- Anyone with questions, comments or concerns regarding compliance with the state of emergency can call [1-844-462-8387](tel:1-844-462-8387) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or email helpaide@gnb.ca.
- Residents are reminded to keep travel to a strict minimum and self-isolate at home immediately and for 14 days if they are coming back to New Brunswick from another province or country.
- Everyone leaving and entering the province is required to follow the direction of Law Enforcement Officers and provide their contact information, driver's licence and reason for travel. Destinations will be tracked for all travellers, including through-travellers.
- Commercial traffic and travels related to essential services are permitted such as include frontline medical personnel, police officers, firefighters, paramedics, members of the military and others.

(Public Safety) Correctional Institutions

- To prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our correctional institutions, the province has closed access to these facilities to the public, including inmate family members, volunteers and legal representatives.
- These measures include all facilities in the province; South-East Regional Correctional Centre, Saint John Correctional Centre, Madawaska Regional Correctional Centre, Dalhousie Regional Correctional Centre, New Brunswick Youth Centre, New Brunswick Woman's Correctional Centre and Islandview Resident Centre.
- Inmates will be offered extra phone calls during this time. Correctional Services will be monitoring the need to continue with this restriction and will be taking advice from officials with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

(SD) Social Development

- Social Development has taken steps to ensure that vulnerable New Brunswickers continue to be able to access the supports they require during COVID-19.
- To avoid a disruption in benefits for its clients, Social Development has extended all expiry dates for benefits such as Health Cards, Extended Health Cards, Diabetic Supplies, and over the counter medications to **July 1, 2020**.
- The wait time for all applicants with a prior income who are applying for social assistance is waived. Applicants may now apply immediately after their previous source of income has ended.
- The requirement for Canadian citizenship or permanent residency for individuals applying for social assistance will be suspended, temporarily, for applicants with a working or studying visa.
- The department continues to work closely with homeless shelters and transition houses to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness and those fleeing domestic and

intimate partner violence, while at the same time ensuring working and volunteers are kept safe.

- Social workers around the province continue to provide essential services to protect children, seniors and adults with a disability, including taking and responding to calls related to child and adult protection.
- The department has been working closely with the directors of Child and Family Services Agencies in First Nations communities to support child protection priorities and assist in the acquisition of personal protective equipment.

(SD) Seniors

- Steps taken to protect residents living in nursing homes include:
 - Not allowing visitors.
 - Taking employees' temperatures before they enter work and having them answer several screening questions.
 - Instructing on-site physicians and clinical staff to care for residents whenever possible, to avoid any unnecessary transfers to hospitals.
 - Providing ongoing training for nursing home staff on the proper use of personal protective equipment, as well as the directive that this equipment should be used by all staff who have direct contact with residents.
- Working with partners and service providers – including home care agencies and Adult Development Activities, Programs and Training (ADAPT) agencies – to ensure that we are ready and able to respond to the needs of our clients during the pandemic.
 - At this time, the department is working with agencies to ensure that all essential client services are still being provided. For clients whose services are not essential, service providers are continuing to contact these individuals regularly to ensure their well-being.

(SNB) Service New Brunswick

- Service New Brunswick offers hundreds of its services online.
- 12 centres are open for services that cannot be accessed online or through teleservices by appointment only. People who have not made appointments will not be permitted to enter the centres. To book an appointment, call TeleServices at **1-888-762-8600 Monday to Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

(THC/ELG) Camping

- Campgrounds, and other outdoor recreational businesses can open if physical distancing measures are in place.

- However, non-essential travel into the province remains prohibited for campers and cottagers from outside New Brunswick.

(THC/ELG) Tourism season

- The Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture is working with the tourism industry to develop a recovery plan.
- The department is investing in a marketing campaign to encourage New Brunswickers to explore the province and support our tourism industry.

(THC) Parks

- Provincial parks and attractions will reopen with limited services, no events, and no programming or co-ordinated activities. Parks that have already **opened** are:
 - Mactaquac
 - New River Beach
 - Anchorage (Grand Manan Island)
 - Oak Bay
 - Fundy Trail Parkway
 - Herring Cove (Campobello Island)
 - Mount Carleton
 - Murray Beach
 - Parlee Beach
 - de la République
 - Val-Comeau
 - Village Historique Acadien
 - Hopewell Rocks
 - Jardin Botanique du N.-B. (NB Botanical Gardens)
 - Kings Landing (Wednesday to Sunday)
- Sugarloaf Provincial Park is open for seasonal and daily camping and the trails are open. The bike park with chairlift service will start on Saturday, June 13.

Opening dates for these provincial tourist attractions are:

- Miscou Island (lighthouse and visitor information centre); **No confirmed date of opening**. Still planning on opening later in the season.
- Doak provincial heritage place; **Opening on June 29**
- Bonar Law provincial heritage place; **Will not be opening for this season**
- Sheriff Andrews provincial heritage place; **Opening on June 15**
- Ministers Island provincial heritage place; **Opening on Friday, June 12**
- MacDonald Farm provincial heritage place **Opening on July 2**

COVID-19 QUICK REFERENCE DATES

February 4	Provincial Emergency Operations enhanced monitoring for COVID-19 activated	
March 13	Effective March 16 - K-12 closed until further notice	Release
March 17	Non-essential gov services closed until further notice	Release
March 17	House rises until further notice	Release
March 19	State of Emergency declared	Release
March 19	Provincial Parks close	Release
March 25	Provincial Border restrictions imposed	Release
March 31	9 Service New Brunswick Centres Opened by appt only	Release
April 02	Continuity plan for education (schools will not reopen this year)	Release
April 02	State of emergency extended	Release
April 06	Pandemic Task Force Created	Release
April 16	State of emergency extended	Release
April 24	Recovery phase 1	Release
May 8	Recovery phase 2 (orange)	Release
May 14	Daycares reopening	Release
May 14	State of emerg extended	Release
May 22	Phase yellow	Release
May 29	State of emergency extended	Release
June 4	First death of COVID-19	Release
June 5	Face coverings required in buildings open to the public	Release
June 6	Face coverings only required when physical distancing not possible	Release
June 8	Nine new cases	Release