

Adjustments to the COVID-19 Response Framework: *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open*

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Framework - Adjusting and Tightening Public Health Measures

Act earlier by implementing measures to protect public health and prevent closures

Gradually loosen measures as trends in public health indicators improve

Objective



PREVENT
(Standard Measures)



PROTECT
(Strengthened Measures)



RESTRICT
(Intermediate Measures)



CONTROL
(Stringent Measures)



LOCKDOWN
(Maximum Measures)

Tactics

Focus on education and awareness of public health and workplace safety measures in place.

Enhanced targeted enforcement, fines, and enhanced education to limit further transmission.

Implement enhanced measures, restrictions, and enforcement avoiding any closures.

Implement broader-scale measures and restrictions, across multiple sectors, to control transmission.

Implement widescale measures and restrictions, including closures, to halt or interrupt transmission (Return to modified Stage 1 or pre-Stage 1).

Restrictions reflect broadest allowance of activities in Stage 3 absent a widely available vaccine or treatment.






Apply public health measures in high risk settings.

Restrictions are the most severe available before widescale business or organizational closure.

Consider declaration of emergency.

Highest risk settings remain closed.

Revised Thresholds

 PREVENT (Standard Measures)	 PROTECT (Strengthened Measures)	 RESTRICT (Intermediate Measures)	 CONTROL (Stringent Measures)	 LOCKDOWN (Maximum Measures)
<p>Epidemiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly incidence rate is < 10 per 100,000 % positivity is < 0.5 Rt < 1 Outbreak trends/ observations Level of community transmission/non-epi linked cases stable <p>Health System Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital and ICU capacity adequate <p>PH System Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case and contact follow up within 24 hours adequate 	<p>Epidemiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly incidence rate is 10 to 24.9 per 100,000 % positivity is 0.5-1.2% Rt is approximately 1 Repeated outbreaks in multiple sectors/settings OR increasing/# of large outbreaks Level of community transmission/non-epi linked cases stable or increasing <p>Health System Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital and ICU capacity adequate <p>PH System Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case and contact follow up within 24 hours adequate 	<p>Epidemiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly incidence rate is 25 to 39.9 per 100,000 % positivity is 1.3-2.4% Rt is approximately 1 to 1.1 Repeated outbreaks in multiple sectors/settings, increasing/# of large outbreaks Level of community transmission/non-epi linked cases stable or increasing <p>Health System Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital and ICU capacity adequate or occupancy increasing <p>PH System Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case and contact follow up within 24 hours adequate or at risk of becoming overwhelmed 	<p>Epidemiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly incidence rate ≥ 40 per 100,000 % positivity ≥ 2.5% Rt is ≥ 1.2 Repeated outbreaks in multiple sectors/settings, increasing/# of large outbreaks Level of community transmission/non-epi linked cases increasing <p>Health System Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital and ICU capacity at risk of being overwhelmed <p>PH System Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public health unit capacity for case and contact management at risk or overwhelmed 	<p>Trends continue to worsen after measures from Control level are implemented.</p>

NOTES:

- Indicators will generally be assessed based on the previous two weeks of information. However, movement to apply measures will be considered sooner than two weeks if there is a rapidly worsening trend.
- Local context and conditions will inform movement, including potential regional application of measures.
- Thresholds within a region may not all be met at the same time; decisions about moving to new measures will require overall risk assessment by government.