

COVID-19 Business Closures by Province

	Date of closures	Details	Link to gov't sites
British Columbia	March 26, 2020	Essential services can continue to operate; for non-essential business, while some are closed, others can stay open if their workplaces can follow provincial health officer's recommendations (e.g. customers can maintain 2 metres of physical distance)	https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0020-000568
Alberta	March 27, 2020	Alberta created a list of essential services that can continue to operate at locations accessible to the public. Non-essential services may be allowed to operate if they meet certain criteria, including employ mitigation strategies to limit risk.	https://www.alberta.ca/essential-services.aspx#toc-2
Saskatchewan	March 26, 2020	"Critical public services and allowable business services" can continue to operate according to physical distancing practices; non-allowable businesses cannot provide public-facing services.	https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/25/allowable-business-services
Manitoba	March 30, 2020	Manitoba created a list of critical services that can continue to operate. All businesses that are not listed as critical services must close between April 1 and April 14. This closure order does not prevent these businesses from operating on a remote basis.	https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47337&posted=2020-03-30
Ontario	March 24, 2020, ammended April 3, 2020	Temporary but mandatory closure of non-essential business. This does not preclude the provision of work and services by non-essential businesses either online, by telephone or by mail/delivery.	https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces
Quebec	March 25, 2020	The province's order provides for the "minimization of all non-priority services and activities Employees can still work remotely from home Essential services can continue to operate Minimization is different from "closure": Business can maintain minimal operations "bearing in mind the directives issued by public health"	https://www.quebec.ca/sante/problemes-de-sante/az/coronavirus-2019/fermeture-endroits-publics-commerces-services-covid19/
New Brunswick	March 19, 2020	State of Emergency Declaration restricts food and beverage business to to take-out and delivery, non-essential retail to online and delivery only as well as the closure of facilities like gyms, spas, yoga studios and other like facilities where groups of people come in close contact	https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.03.0139.html
Newfoundland and Labrador	March 18, 2020, amended March 23, 2020	Newfoundland and Labrador ordered the closure of various businesses, including retail stores unless their services were "essential to the life, health, or personal safety of individuals and animals"	https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/public-health-orders/
Prince Edward Islanc	March 17, 2020	Services deemed essential are allowed to continue to operate. Non-essential services may continue serving the public by means of phone, virtual services, delivery or pick-up, provided that the following preventative measures are in place.	https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/closures-due-to-covid-19