

Update from Alberta Government: Community Halls and Facilities Under Alberta Relaunch Strategy in Stage 3

The Alberta Government provided further details today in relation to the reopening of community halls and facilities. They have indicated that community halls and facilities such as arenas will fall under Stage 3 of the Alberta Relaunch Strategy. As of May 14, 2020, we are under Stage 1 in the Alberta Relaunch Strategy. The timeline for Stage 3 is currently to be determined. Further details can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-relaunch-strategy.aspx#stage3>

Quick Stage 3 Info

Stage 3 timing will be determined based on health indicators. Some restrictions and enhanced protection controls will remain in place.

Lifted restrictions

- Fully reopening all businesses and services, with some restrictions.
- Larger gatherings permitted (number of people to be determined).
- Arts and culture festivals, concerts and major sporting events will be permitted with restrictions.
- Nightclubs, gyms, pools, recreation centres and arenas will reopen, with restrictions.
- Industry conferences can resume, with restrictions.
- No restrictions on non-essential travel.

Continuing restrictions

- Physical distancing restrictions will be maintained.

The Stage 3 Relaunch applies to activities **within** the facility, while outdoor gatherings may be permitted, according to the guidelines currently in place (<https://www.alberta.ca/restrictions-on-gatherings.aspx>). As washrooms located inside facilities do not fall under the Stage 1 Relaunch, a washroom being used to support outdoor activities would have to be sanitized after each use in order to comply with current regulations.

Campground regulations are separate and can be found at the following link:

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-private-and-municipal-campgrounds.pdf>

We recognize that many of our facility caretakers and operators are community volunteers and we want to thank you for your adherence to the changing guidelines. Please contact Lindsay Thompson, Community Services Coordinator at 403-357-2399 or Jo-Ann Symington, Community Services Manager at 403-357-2370 if you have any questions or concerns.