



Housing Cambridge

COVID-19 Notice 10

The Government of Ontario has recently announced a stage-by-stage approach to reopening the economy to ensure there are appropriate measures in place so workplaces can open safely. In doing so, they promise that Public health officials will carefully monitor each stage for two to four weeks, as they assess the evolution of the COVID-19 outbreak to determine if it is necessary to change course to maintain public health. The following are the three stages that they propose. *After each stage in italics are the steps Housing Cambridge will be taking during that stage.*

- **Stage 1:** For businesses that were ordered to close or restrict operations, opening select workplaces that can immediately modify operations to meet public health guidance. Opening some outdoor spaces like parks and allowing for a greater number of individuals to attend some events. Hospitals would also begin to offer some non-urgent and scheduled surgeries, and other health care services.
Housing Cambridge was not ordered to close, so this phase will not see changes to our COVID-19 operations.
- **Stage 2:** Opening more workplaces, based on risk assessments, which may include some service industries and additional office and retail workplaces. Some larger public gatherings would be allowed, and more outdoor spaces would open.
We will consider the opening of outdoor gathering spaces with limits to the number of people, conditional on maintaining social distance.
We will expand our response to work requests to include emergency AND urgent or time sensitive work (on a priority basis, continuing to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and COVID-19 procedures).
- **Stage 3:** Opening of all workplaces responsibly and further relaxing of restrictions on public gatherings.
We will consider re-opening common rooms.

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We will consider opening playgrounds once the City of Cambridge re-opens theirs.

We will consider opening the office to walk-in traffic

We will consider adding the completion of minor repairs on a priority basis to our response to work requests, and will resume annual unit inspections, fire drills, community clean-ups in a careful and responsible manner.

Throughout each stage, continued protections for vulnerable populations must be in place, along with the continued practice of physical distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene, and significant mitigation plans to limit health risks. *At each stage and with each decision, Housing Cambridge will make the health and safety of residents, staff and contractors its first priority. Public Health guidelines will inform each step. As we move forward, we are committed to keeping you informed prior to making any changes. Together we will get through this.*

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