

Public Sector Move to Critical Service

At this time, it is everyone's responsibility to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19. Social distancing is a measure which will help to flatten the curve so as to prevent over burdening the health care system with ill patients all at once. To ensure that this measure is successful only essential services that support critical infra structure should continue. The following is a list of essential and non-essential services that need to be considered.

Essential Services

- Grocery store
- Pharmacy
- Food programs and community kitchens to support clients
- Day cares (for essential workers)
- Hospitals and Dr's offices and health centres and services,
- Mental health services (private and public non-group settings)
- Veterinarian
- Fire, Police, Ambulance
- Municipalities
- Government services
- Banks
- Gas Stations
- Hardware stores
- Public transportation (limited service: hospital and grocery store routes)
- Restaurants (take out or reduced capacity in restaurants)
- Transportation of goods
- Industry (oil, forestry, power, etc)
- Communications (radio, tv, media, news)

Non-Essential Services

The following are not considered essential services

- Entertainment (Theater events - concerts, plays, musicals, movies, bowling alleys and arcades)
- Athletic events
- Extra curricular activities (dance, gymnastics, sports, drop-in)
- Fitness Centres
- Shopping Centres (malls, plazas)
- Church
- Libraries
- Buffet style restaurants
- Bars and Casinos
- Recreational sites; ski hills, trampoline parks, pools
- Zoo and Aquariums