

OHS/ES eNews

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, you will receive special editions of eNews with the latest developments in Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and Employment Standards (ES).

COVID-19: a workplace health and safety concern

COVID-19 is a respiratory virus that can be spread either directly or indirectly.

- Direct infection can happen if:
 - Someone coughs or sneezes on you.
 - You shake hands with someone who is sick and then touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Indirect spread can happen from contaminated surfaces, tissues, cloth or paper.

The OHS Resource Portal has a [COVID-19 coronavirus](#) section with bulletins related to minimizing risk from respiratory viruses.

COVID-19 resources

Counterfeit respiratory protective equipment (new)

Read about counterfeit or substandard respirators, including N95 and KN95 imitations in the bulletin [Counterfeit respiratory protective equipment](#).

Information for approved training providers and certificate holders (updated)

The delivery of training programs can now resume with Stage 1 of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy. Training agencies have the same obligations as other businesses opening in Stage 1. For more information, visit OHS approved training: [first aid](#), [audiometric technician](#) and [pulmonary function technician](#).

Webinar: Respiratory viruses in the workplace (new)

This [recorded webinar](#) gives employers, supervisors and workers information about minimizing risk from respiratory viruses in the workplace.

Contact OHS

1-866-415-8690 (toll-free)
780-415 -8690 (Edmonton)
TTY: 1-800-232-7215
TTY: 780-427-9999 (Edmonton)
[Report a serious incident](#)
[Online incident reporting service](#)

Contact ES

1-877-427-3731 (toll-free)
780-427-3731 (Edmonton)
[Ask an Employment Standards question](#)

COVID-19 rules

For links to COVID-19 specific ministerial orders, orders in council and legislation, visit [Alberta.ca](#).

Learn more at

- [Temporary workplace rule changes](#)
- [Restricted and non-restricted services](#)

Additional information

- [COVID-19 publications by industry](#)

Alberta's relaunch strategy

Stage 2 of Alberta's COVID-19 recovery plan started June 12. The [Relaunch Strategy](#) puts safety first while gradually reopening businesses, resuming activities and getting people back to work.

[Alberta Biz Connect](#) provides industry-specific supports to help businesses and non-profits begin to reopen and resume operations.

- [Relaunch guidance documents](#)

Alberta Health Services

- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Mental Health Help Line](#)

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Chambers of Commerce

[Edmonton](#) and [Calgary](#) Chambers of Commerce have online resource kits to help businesses return to work and operate safely.

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

- [Pandemic Info Share](#)
- [COVID-19 tip sheets for high-risk and essential occupations and industries](#)
- [Reopening for business](#)

Employer services

Employers can now access applications, submit appeals and create reports online. The [Employer services](#) website allows employers to save time with online access to employment standards and OHS services. to access applications, submit appeals and create reports.

Services available include:

- [File a complaint](#) File a complaint online or by calling the OHS Contact Centre. Consider using the online portal for non-urgent complaints.
- [OHS orders](#) Employers and workers can [report compliance with an OHS order](#) online.

Employment Standards

More on Employment Standards laws for minimum wage, overtime, holidays, job-protected leaves, vacations, hours of work, earnings, youth workers and termination, can be found [here](#).

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