



# Summer Villages of Pigeon Lake

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### **NEW** Province of Alberta COVID-19 Restrictions

Effective December 8th, 2020 there are new restrictions in Alberta that affect Pigeon Lake area due to COVID-19.

Expanded health measures will be in effect provincially. All Albertans, businesses, organizations and service providers must follow all new health measures. These restrictions will be in place for a minimum of four weeks.

- Press Release: <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=75859ADEA5D5E-045D-2386-0CB140C175A800DD>

As per the latest Health Orders 41-2020 and 40-2020 on <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-orders-and-legislation.aspx> this is a summary of the changes:

All of Pigeon Lake **MANDATORY** Health Measures as ordered by Alberta Health Services (AHS):

- SOCIAL GATHERINGS (Immediately in Effect)
  - All indoor and outdoor social gatherings – public and private – are prohibited.
  - Close contacts are limited to household members only.
  - Individuals who live alone will be allowed up to two close contacts for in-person visiting, with those two people remaining the same for the duration of the restriction period.
- WEAR YOUR MASK (Immediately in Effect)
  - Mandatory indoor public masking requirement extended throughout the province of Alberta.
    - Farm operations are excluded, unless interacting with the public.
- PLACES OF WORSHIP (Effective at 12:01am on December 13<sup>th</sup>)
  - All places of worship will be limited to 15% of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance
- SERVICES (Effective 12:01am on December 13<sup>th</sup>)
  - All Retail services must reduce customer capacity to 15 per cent of fire code occupancy or min 5 customers.
  - Restaurants, pubs, bars, lounges and cafes will be **closed** to in-person service.
    - Curbside pickup, delivery and online services are encouraged.
  - Hotels may remain open but must follow restrictions – no spas, pools or in-person dining. Room services only.
  - Outdoor recreation is permitted, but facilities will only be open to access washrooms.
  - Mandatory work from home measures will be implemented unless the employer determines that work requires a physical presence for operational effectiveness.
- CLOSURES (Effective 12:01am on December 13<sup>th</sup>)
  - Casinos, bingo halls, gaming entertainment centres, racing entertainment centres, horse tracks, raceways, bowling alleys, pool halls, legions, and private clubs- will be **closed**.
  - Recreational facilities such as fitness centres, recreation centres, pools, spas, gyms, studios, day and overnight camps, indoor rinks and arenas – will be **closed**.
  - Entertainment businesses and entities such as libraries, science centres, interpretive centres, museums, galleries, amusement parks and water parks – will be **closed**.
  - Personal and wellness services, including hair salons, nail salons, massage, tattoos, and piercing, will be **closed**.



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### ONGOING CLOSURES – from November 27th

- ENTERTAINMENT businesses and entities such as:
  - community halls and centres,
  - indoor children's play centres and indoor playgrounds,
  - theatres,
  - auditoriums,
  - concert halls,
  - community theatres,
  - nightclubs,
  - banquet halls,
  - conference centres,
  - indoor and outdoor festivals,
  - concerts with the exception of drive-in events,
  - tradeshows,
  - sporting events or competitions - remain **closed**.

### **Why are these measures needed?**

- Albertans have a responsibility to slow the virus's spread and make sure the health system can continue supporting patients with COVID-19, influenza and many other needs.
- There is a time lag between when people get infected and when new cases are identified. This means the cases we see today were infected up to 2 weeks ago.
- We must work together to protect each other. The greater the community spread, the more likely it will infect our loved ones most at-risk of severe outcomes, including death.

### **What else you should do**

Albertans must continue following existing public health measures to keep everyone safe:

- Stay 2 metres apart when you can, wear a mask when you can't
- Practice good hygiene: wash your hands often and cover coughs and sneezes
- If sick, stay home, get tested, and follow [mandatory isolation requirements](#) while waiting for results:
  - if positive, isolate from others for 10 days or until symptoms are gone, whichever is longer
  - if negative, stay home until you're better
- Avoid [non-essential travel](#)
- [Get the flu shot](#) to keep influenza cases low so health workers can focus on the COVID-19 pandemic
- Download and use the [ABTraceTogether contact tracing app](#) when out in public

### **Additional information**

- **Alberta COVID-19 Status Map:** <https://www.alberta.ca/maps/covid-19-status-map.htm>
- **Enhanced Restriction Details:** <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>