About Phase 2, Stage 3 Reopening

The Grey Bruce Health Unit region entered Stage 3 on July 17, 2020. As part of stage 3, the limit on gatherings increased from 10 to 50 people indoors and to 100 people outdoors. See A Framework for Reopening our Province Stage 3 for more information.

Social circles should continue to be kept at 10 people province-wide. A social circle is a group of up to 10 of the same people who can interact with one another without physical distancing. Social circles can help to reduce social isolation and support mental health and wellbeing. To learn more about creating a social circle, visit the Create a social circle during COVID-19 webpage.

Select personal care services including tattoo parlours, barber shops, hair salons and beauty salons are permitted to reopen with proper health and safety measures in place.

Provincial Sector Guidance

As per the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act – Stage 3, the Province is directing that establishments providing personal care services can open with the proper health and safety protocols in place. This includes:

- Hair services (including barber shops, hair salons, hairdressers/stylists, colour consulting services, scalp treatment services, hair weaving services, and hair replacement services)
- Beauty salons, shops and parlours (including beauticians, estheticians, cosmetology shops or salons, manicure and pedicure salons)
• Hair removal services
• Diet centres (non-medical), diet workshops, weight control clinics, and weight-reduction centres (non-medical)
• Piercing services
• Day spas
• Tanning salons
• Tattoo studios

**Personal care services**

Personal care services relating to the hair or body, including hair salons and barbershops, manicure and pedicure salons, aesthetician services, piercing services, tanning salons, spas and tattoo studios, may open if they comply with the following conditions:

1. In addition to the services permitted in Stage 2, all services that tend to a customer's face are permitted (e.g., facials, ear piercing, eyebrow grooming and eyelash extensions).
2. Patrons must wear face coverings except while receiving services on an area of their face that would otherwise be covered by a face covering.
3. Workers must wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
4. Personal care services must take measures to enable physical distancing between patrons, such as limiting the number of people who may be in the business at any one time.
5. Businesses should consider operating by appointment wherever possible.
6. Businesses should also consider recording each patron’s name and contact information to support effective contact tracing in case of an outbreak.
7. Any washrooms, locker rooms, change rooms, showers or similar amenities made available to the public must be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
8. Oxygen bars, bath houses, steam rooms and saunas are not yet permitted to open.
Everyone can help make a difference by:

- Maintaining physical distancing of at least two metres from people outside of your household or social circle
- Wearing a face covering in indoor and outdoor public spaces where physical distancing is a challenge
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water
- Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
- Practising good hygiene (covering a cough and sneeze and avoiding touching your face)
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often
- Limiting indoor gatherings to a maximum of 50 people, or less, to maintain physical distancing
- Limiting outdoor gatherings to a maximum of 100 people, or less, to maintain physical distancing
- Staying at home and away from others if you are feeling ill or have symptoms of COVID-19
- Downloading the COVID Alert app, when launched, to be notified if you have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19
- Working from home or remotely as much as possible
- Minimizing travel and self-isolating for 14 days after all international travel
- Protecting the most vulnerable by following public health advice
- Getting tested if you are worried you have or have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19

Workplaces can help make Stage 3 successful by:

- Enabling physical distancing by redesigning spaces/interactions and implementing flow management
- Cleaning and disinfecting equipment and high-touch surfaces as frequently as is necessary to maintain a sanitary environment
• Consider recording each patron’s name and contact information to support effective contact tracing that helps keep everyone safe
• Consider requiring all customers to book an appointment in advance, wherever possible, for the purposes of physical distancing, flow management and contract tracing
• Assigning seating or spaces where possible to ensure physical distancing
• Following sector-specific workplace safety guidance and tips available at www.Ontario.ca/COVIDsafety

Continue to take everyday steps to prevent COVID-19
• Stay home if you are sick
• Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Dispose of tissue as soon as possible and wash your hands.
• Avoid touching your face
• Practise good hand hygiene
• Practise physical distancing by keeping a distance of 2 metres from other people
• Wear a cloth mask or non-medical face covering if physical distancing is a challenge

Health and Safety
In order to reopen, personal care services must follow the health and safety guidance provided by the Ministry of Labour or similar.

Questions?
The province has set up a Business Information Line to provide direction to businesses as they reopen. Please call Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.

For Health and Safety Guidance, please call your relevant Health and Safety provider, or the Ministry of Labour at: 1-833-247-3650.

For Public Health Guidance please call the general information line at 519-376-9420 ext. 3000.
References

A Framework for Reopening Ontario – Stage 3

O. Reg. 364/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 3