The Grey Bruce Health Unit entered Stage 3 of reopening on July 17. In keeping with the gradual approach to reopening the province, Ontario will continue to monitor key public health indicators and some Stage 3 restrictions will be further eased over time when it is safe to do so. In Stage 3, indoor gathering limits increased to a maximum of 50 people. Outdoor gathering limits increased to a maximum of 100 people. In all cases, individuals are required to continue to maintain physical distancing of at least two metres with people from outside their households or social circles.

Although tour and guide services were allowed to resume services in Stage 2, the following changes now take effect as part of Stage 3 reopening:

**Updates for Tour and Guide Services**

- Tour and guide services, including guided fishing and hunting trips, tastings and tours for wineries, breweries and distilleries, trail riding tours, walking tours, bicycle tours and motor vehicle tours, but not including boat tours, may open if they comply with the following conditions:

  1. The tour must be operated to enable every person on the tour, including tour guides, to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person, except where necessary,

     i. to facilitate payment, or

     ii. for the purposes of health and safety.
2. The number of members of the public on the tour must not exceed the number of persons that would permit compliance with paragraph 1 while on the tour, and in any event cannot exceed,
   i. 50 persons, if they will be indoors during the tour, or
   ii. 100 persons, if they will be outdoors during the tour.

3. If the tour includes access to any food or beverage production or manufacturing areas, every person on the tour, including any tour guides, must comply with,
   i. any laws or policies that apply to the food or beverage production or manufacturing area, and
   ii. any advice, recommendations or instructions of public health officials that apply to the food or beverage production or manufacturing area.

4. The tour or guide service must record the name and contact information of every patron and maintain the records for a period of at least one month.

**Boat Tours**

Boat tours in which the passengers are required to embark and disembark within the province of Ontario and that are not otherwise prohibited from opening by an order made by the Minister of Transport (Canada) under the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* may open if they comply with the following conditions:

1. The tour must be operated to enable every person on the tour, including tour guides and tour boat crew, to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person, except where necessary,
   i. to facilitate payment, or
   ii. for the purposes of health and safety.
2. The number of members of the public on the tour boat must not exceed the number of persons that would permit compliance with paragraph 1 on the tour boat, and in any event cannot exceed,
   i. 50 persons, if they will be indoors while on the tour boat, or
   ii. 100 persons, if they will be outdoors while on the tour boat.
3. There must be sufficient space available to enable all persons to comply with paragraph 1 while on the tour boat and while embarking onto or disembarking from the tour boat.
4. The flow of persons embarking onto, disembarking from and moving about on the tour boat must be controlled so as to enable compliance with paragraph 1.
5. The tour boat must be equipped with enough handwashing stations or hand sanitizer dispensers to serve the needs of every person on the tour boat.
6. The boat tour service must record the name and contact information of every patron and maintain the records for a period of at least one month.

Additional Recommendations

- Increase cleaning of frequently touched surfaces
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Employees should wear PPE at all times, at minimum an appropriate face covering
- Encourage staff and customers to stay home when sick
- Encourage staff and customers to cough or sneeze into their elbow
- Encourage staff and customers to avoid touching their face

Health and Safety

In order to reopen, tour and guide services must follow the health and safety guidance provided by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development Associations and Health and Safety Associations. Find sector specific and posters to help protect workers, customers and the public from COVID-19 on the resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace webpage.
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

Ontario’s Framework for Opening the Province – Stage 3 - Government of Ontario

Regulations: Rules for Areas in Stage 3 – Government of Ontario

Workplace PPE Supplier Directory – Ontario

Community and Business Resiliency Map - including local PPE suppliers – Grey County

COVID-19 Guidance: Essential Workplaces – Ontario Ministry of Health