



ADVOCACY UPDATE

COVID-19 - And The Survey Says...

Saskatchewan & Canadian Chamber of Commerce - Advocacy **Saskatchewan Chamber: Business Community Weighs in on Lifting COVID-19 Restrictions:**

- The Saskatchewan Chamber has released the results of its recent survey on the province's target date for removing all COVID-19 restrictions.
- Key highlights include:
 - 49% of respondents believe July 11 is an appropriate date to lift all restrictions, 24% think it is too early, 16% think it is too late, and 12% are unsure.
 - 70% of respondents plan to continue enforcing either all or some COVID protocols after restrictions are lifted.
 - 68% of respondents feel their business is fully prepared for all restrictions to be lifted.
 - 47% of respondents expect their business to fully recover to pre-pandemic levels in 2021, 25% do not expect to recover, and 21% are unsure.
- See **MEDIA RELEASE** [Here](#).

Canadian Chamber: Welcomes changes on quarantine hotels, but calls for a travel resumption plan:

- The Chamber released a statement in response to the federal government's adjustment to border measures for fully vaccinated Canadians. (read release on link below)
- The Chamber is urging governments to accelerate work on digital vaccine certification to support safe international mobility.
- See **MEDIA RELEASE** Here.

UPDATES FROM GOVERNMENT

Federal Government:

Government of Canada: renews the Indigenous Community Business Fund through Budget 2021:

- The government remains committed to supporting all Indigenous businesses through the COVID pandemic and into recovery.
- The Minister, Marc Miller, announced \$117M to renew the Indigenous Community Business Fund (ICBF).
- The ICBF provides non-repayable financial contributions to Indigenous micro-businesses and community or collectively owned businesses across the country.
- See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.

Minister Carr announces program open to help farmers and agri-businesses develop and adopt clean technologies including more efficient grain dryers:

- Farmers and agri-businesses in the Prairies are leaders in climate-smart agriculture, finding new ways to make their operations more sustainable. To help them continue towards a low-carbon economy, the government is supporting research, innovation and adoption of clean technologies.
- \$165.7M was announced in the Agricultural Clean Technology Program, and it is now open to applicants.
- The funding will be to help develop and adopt the latest clean technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance their competitiveness.
- See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.

Provincial Government:

Saskatchewan Opens Access to Rapid COVID -19 Antigen Tests:

- **Don't forget to get online to sign up and order Test Kits for your workplace.**
 - The province has made the necessary legislative changes to allow for the Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Tests to be delivered to businesses.
 - This is one more tool in the tool box to assist business in screening for asymptomatic cases in the workplace.
 - See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.
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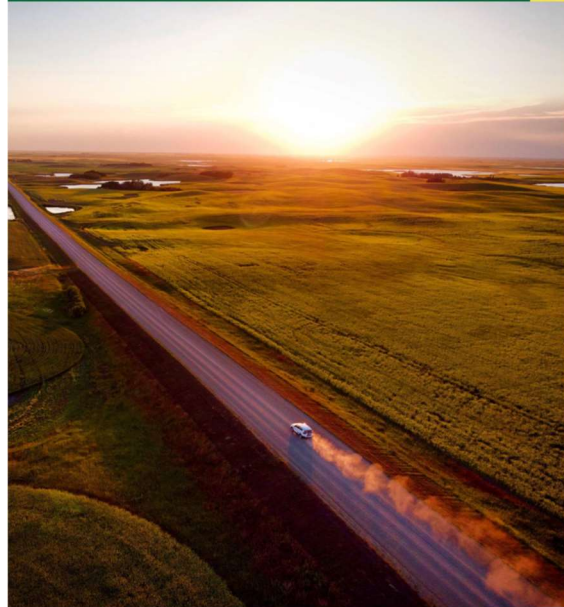
Saskatchewan's Premier Scott Moe announced that Step 2 of the **Re-Opening Roadmap** will have a target date of June 20th, as the criteria was reached this past week. Step 2 required that three weeks passed since 70% of people age 30 and older have received their first does of COVID-19 vaccine, and 3 weeks has passed since Step 1 was achieved.

Several key changes will happen this weekend, including:

- No capacity thresholds on retail outlets
- No table capacity at restaurants
- more facilities will be allowed to re-open, such as Casino's.
- and More.

Be sure to check out the full plan - click on the cover page to the right.

Saskatchewan's Re-Opening Roadmap



Join in the fun on Friday, June 18th, 2021 when the Battlefords Chamber together with title Sponsor **Bridges Chevrolet Buick GMC** hosts the Chamber Business Golf Challenge at Jackfish Lodge Golf & Conference Centre. Book your sponsorship spot or team registration for golf by contacting the Chamber office today! 306-445-6226

RESOURCES YOU NEED

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Business Led Recovery micro-site has all the information, tools and resources businesses need to manage through COVID-19 pandemic.

Government of Canada:

Department of Finance website:
Finance Dept. Here

CRA Website HERE

Government of Saskatchewan:

Visit [Saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus) here!

The "Business Response Team".

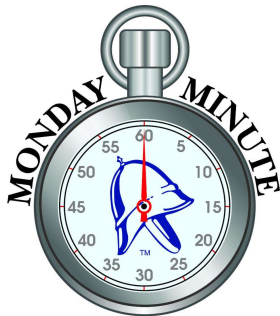
Contact them by phone or email. Phone # 1-844-800-8688 Website

For information on the **State of Emergency in Saskatchewan.**

See the **Public Health Orders** in place on the provincial government website.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:

Resources for Business Website Here



Monday Minute

Monday Minute provides up-to-the minute information on key Chamber of Commerce activities, advocacy and events. Recorded each Monday, it is distributed to Chamber members via email, and is available on the Chamber's website.

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Chamber Network Working for You!



As a valued member of the Battlefords Chamber of Commerce, you have access to the chamber network. The Canadian and Saskatchewan Chambers of Commerce and of course our local resources are here to support you. Stay up-to-date on COVID-19 and other key business issues.

The Canadian, Saskatchewan and Battlefords Chambers of Commerce are working overtime to ensure that all of the key information, policy initiatives and business issues and solutions are at your fingertips. Call if you have any questions or require a referral # or contact.



Email us today!



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