

## Enhanced Public Health Measures

On May 4, 2021, the Alberta Government [announced](#) a number of new public health measures for the entire province and restrictions for high case regions (including the City of Edmonton). For complete information on the restrictions that are now in effect, see [here](#).

- All **outdoor social gatherings** are limited to **no more than 5 people** (2 household cohorts maximum is encouraged).
- **Indoor social gatherings remain prohibited** in any setting (private homes, public spaces or workplaces).
- In-person attendance at City Council, Public Hearing and Committee meetings is limited to staff in the City Clerk's Office.
- In person meetings, site visits and events are to be replaced with virtual meetings whenever possible.

### Mandatory Work From Home

Working from home remains mandatory unless a physical presence is required for operational effectiveness. Employees are required to work from home unless leadership has determined that their work must be conducted at a City of Edmonton location.

### COVID-19 Pre-shift Screening

As always, please continue to follow all site safety practices, complete the [COVID-19 pre-shift screening](#) before work, and stay home and get tested if you have any symptoms.

### Mandatory Masking and Physical Distancing

Masks continue to be mandatory at all times and in all indoor public places in Alberta, subject only to limited exceptions. Mandatory masking applies to all employees, visitors, delivery personnel and contractors at locations where workers are present. It is very important to continue physical distancing, even when masked. Gently remind coworkers who may need to take a step back to keep the 2 meter distance from others.

### COVID-19 Vaccinations

City employees, and their families are encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible. As of May 10, every Albertan aged 12 or older can book an appointment through Alberta Health Services or a participating pharmacy. See Alberta Health's [COVID-19 vaccine program](#) for further details. Please continue to **voluntarily** report when you have received the COVID-19 vaccination, or the reason why you choose not to be vaccinated, using the anonymous [COVID-19 Vaccination Employee Intake Form](#).

### Mental Health during the Pandemic

Caring for yourself and others in times of uncertainty can be challenging. It is normal to feel anxious, even overwhelmed and concerned about how you are going to manage. Often it can be helpful to talk to someone about how we are feeling and how to make our way. Consider calling Lifeworks, the City's Employee and Family Assistance Program, at 1-855-789-7289 for free and confidential counselling, reaching out to the peer support team in your area, or calling the City Chaplain John Dowds at 780-496-7863.