



COVID-19 Update
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12 active cases
30 recovered
2 death
44 total

Effective immediately, the Council for the Town of Pincher Creek has inducted Bylaw #1628-20: Temporary Mandatory Face Covering. Residents and visitors must wear a face covering or mask at all times within the Town of Pincher Creek when in indoor public places, public vehicles and any indoor location where a business or entity is operating. Face coverings or masks are required indoors even when physical distancing can be achieved unless they are separated from others by an installed screen, shield or other barriers. For Exemptions to this bylaw and complete information, please visit: <http://www.pinchercreek.ca/media/notice.php?view=511>

As per Alberta Health, communities with ten or more confirmed active COVID-19 cases are classified as “enhanced status”. The Pincher Creek area has now moved into **the enhanced status**, and risk levels require increased public health measures to control the spread of COVID-19. The Pincher Creek area includes the Town of Pincher Creek, the Village of Cowley, the MD of Pincher Creek, including the hamlets and villages within their boundaries and the Piikani Nation.

The following mandatory restrictions are in place for the Pincher Creek area by Alberta Health:

- No indoor social gatherings in any setting
- Outdoor gatherings max of 10
- Wedding and funeral services max of 10, no receptions permitted
- No festivals or events
- Grades 7-12 at-home learning Nov 30-Jan 11
- ECS-Grade 6 at-home learning after break until Jan 11
- Working from home should be considered, where possible
- **Places of worship at 1/3 of fire code occupancy with mandatory masking - NEW**
- **Restricted access to some businesses - NEW**

The following categories now have enhanced restrictions:

- Places of worship - 1/3 of fire code occupancy with mandatory masking
- Sports and group physical activities - indoor group physical activities are not allowed with the exception of members of the same household and some school programming

The following businesses are now mandated to be closed: (this is not an exhaustive list)

- community halls and centres
- indoor children's play centres and indoor playgrounds
- theatres, auditoriums, concert halls, and community theatres
- banquet halls and conference centres
- Festival or event businesses or entities offering any of the following activities:
 - indoor and outdoor festivals
 - concerts with the exception of drive-in events
 - exhibitions occurring in a location other than in a museum or gallery
 - tradeshow
 - sporting events or competitions
- 'pop up style' indoor markets that have not been previously approved by Alberta Health Services
- farmers' markets that have not been previously approved by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

The following businesses can remain open with enhanced measures:

- Restaurants, bars, pubs and lounges will be open with restrictions if they follow all public health guidance in place; including restricting to a maximum of 6 people from the same immediate household at a table and no movement between tables.
- Most retail businesses can remain open with capacity limited to 25% of the occupancy set under the Alberta Fire Code.

Businesses open by appointment only are not permitted to offer walk-in services.

Appointments should be limited to one-on-one services:

- Personal services such as hair salons and barbershops, esthetics, manicure, pedicure, body waxing and make-up, piercing and tattoo services,
- Wellness services including acupuncture, massage and reflexology
- Professional services such as lawyers, mediators, accountants and photographers
- Private one-on-one lessons (no private group lessons permitted)
- Hotels, motels, hunting and fishing lodges

Albertans and businesses are encouraged to limit in-person visits and use curbside pick up, delivery and online services.

For the full details on all mandatory measures now required by the Province for the Pincher Creek area please go here: <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>

For the latest news for Albertans on COVID-19, including updates on government actions, visit [alberta.ca/covid19](https://www.alberta.ca/covid19)

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