



May 5th, 2020

COVID-19 RESOURCES & BUSINESS SUPPORTS

The City of Spruce Grove cares about you and your business. The City's [Economic & Business Development Department](#) continues to keep you informed about ongoing developments of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the City of Spruce Grove is operating a little differently, we remain committed to providing our businesses and residents the best service possible.

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We make every effort to continuously update the [COVID-19 Resource Page](#) on our Economic & Business Development website to ensure that each resource is kept current. To support businesses and employees through this difficult time, we continue to provide access to information on important resources, making it as easy as possible for you to secure the help you need.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

→ [Alberta's Staged COVID-19 Relaunch](#): Alberta has developed a phased relaunch to reopen closed businesses and services, while getting people back to work.

Stage 1: If Alberta continues to flatten the curve while receiving more positive results within the next few weeks, the first stage may potentially take place on May 14th.

This would include reopening the following businesses and services: retail services, hair styling and barbering, daycares, restaurants with a 50% occupancy limit, museums, art galleries, outdoor recreation, additional allied health services etc.

Stage 2: Depending on the success of Stage 1, the second stage will allow for more businesses to reopen with the consideration of physical distancing. As of now, there is not an estimated date for this stage to unfold.

This would include reopening the following businesses and services: K-12 schools, post-secondary institutions, summer camps, personal services, massage and reflexology, movie theatres, etc.

Stage 3: As Stages 1 and 2 begin to demonstrate success, the third stage will involve reopening businesses and services that tend to have the closest rate of physical contact. As of now, there is not an estimated date for this stage to unfold.

This would include reopening the following businesses and services: swimming pools, gyms, nightclubs, festivals, sporting events, etc.

→ [Workplace Guidance for Business Owners](#): The Government of Alberta developed a useful document to support and guide businesses in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19. The document contains important policies and procedures that should take place prior to re-opening and continuing operations, as well as guidance on sick staff and volunteers and how to prevent the spread of the virus.

→ [Education Property Tax Freeze & Deferral](#): The Government of Alberta will freeze education property taxes and defer them for 6 months.

→ [Canada Emergency Student Benefit](#): The Government of Canada understands the impact that the outbreak of COVID-19 is having on individuals enrolled in colleges and universities. As a result, they are providing emergency cash aid for post-secondary students.

→ [Deal Reached to Lower Rent by 75% for Small Businesses](#): Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, has announced for all provinces and territories to implement the promise rent assistance program for businesses. This will lower base rent by up to 75% for eligible small businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, if their landlords agree to take part.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have been in discussion with the Spruce Grove and District Agricultural Society about the Community Garden and we are pleased to share that this project will continue to move forward with new sanitation and social distancing standards in place.



If you wish to add your name to the waiting list or want to learn more about how to volunteer, please send a quick e-mail to the following address: communitygardensg@gmail.com.

We will continue to frequently update our Economic & Business Development website at InvestSpruceGrove.ca as more information becomes available. If you have any questions, please e-mail a team member at Invest@SpruceGrove.org.

Thank you for your engagement.
Together, we all play an important role in keeping our business community healthy and safe.

From our team to yours,
Dave, Karla, Jamie-Lynn, & Anika

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