



# Membership Advisory

## New Mandatory Public Health Measures in Effect

In response to the spike in COVID-19 cases in the province, the Government of Alberta has announced [new mandatory public health measures](#), effective November 24. Museums and galleries are included in the business and service restrictions that come into effect on November 27.

Under these restrictions, museums and galleries may remain open with capacity limited to 25% of their occupancy set under the Alberta Fire Code. Organizations are also encouraged to limit in-person visits, and instead use online services. These measures apply to regions of Alberta that are on the enhanced list. View [this map](#) for the current status of your region.

In addition, all public health guidance and physical distancing requirements currently in effect must be followed. Among the new enhanced measures that were implemented as of November 24, the following may impact your organization:

- Events and festivals are prohibited (both indoors and outdoors);
- Working from home should be considered, where possible;
- In Calgary and Edmonton, masks are mandatory for indoor workplaces.

This list is not comprehensive; please see [this guide](#) for a full breakdown of all the new measures currently in effect. These mandatory restrictions will be in place for at least three weeks, and will be adjusted as required. See the Government of Alberta's [website](#) for the most current information.

The AMA has resources available to support museums and heritage institutions to operate safely during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our Health & Safety Toolkits provide wayfinding signage and floor stickers to direct visitors and encourage physical distancing; the toolkits also include print-on-demand signage that can be customized to address the capacity limits, mask mandates, and other restrictions included in the new measures. You can order your Health & Safety Toolkit through the [AMA Bookstore](#) for a flat shipping rate of \$40 per toolkit.

The AMA's advisory resource, [Guidance for Reopening Museums](#), clarifies museum-specific considerations and requirements to operate safely. Please note that this document was last updated in June 2020; where the current public health measures conflict with this document, that guidance should be followed over the advice in the resource.

The AMA maintains an FAQ and Resources Guide about the COVID-19 pandemic, [available here](#). If you have any questions for the AMA Advisory Team, please email us to [advisory@museums.ab.ca](mailto:advisory@museums.ab.ca).