

Moving Ontario into Step 3 of the Road Map to Reopen

With key public health and health care indicators continuing to improve and the province-wide vaccination rate surpassing the targets outlined in the province's Roadmap to Reopen, the Ontario government will be moving the province into Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021.

To enter Step Three of the Roadmap, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 70 to 80 percent of individuals 18 or older with one dose and 25 percent with two doses for at least two weeks, ensuring a stronger level of protection against COVID-19. As of July 8, 2021, over 77 percent of the population in Ontario ages 12 and over have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and over 50 percent have received their second dose.

More than 16.6 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered province-wide. The province will remain in Step Three for at least 21 days and until 80 percent of the eligible population aged 12 and over has received one dose and 75 percent have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70 percent of their population fully vaccinated.

Other key indicators must also continue to remain stable. Upon meeting these thresholds, the majority of public health and workplace safety measures, including capacity limits for indoor and outdoor settings, will be lifted.

Only a small number of measures will remain in place, including the requirement for passive screening, such as posting a sign, and businesses requiring a safety plan.