



Situational Awareness - COVID-19

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PreAmble

As organizers, we are in this together. We are all receiving many information touch points, data inputs, media stories that may present you the organizer with much uncertainty.

We thought it would be beneficial to share in a focused communique on the current Canadian landscape and will endeavour to update as this situation evolves.

Unless imposed by the various levels of government to cancel events, each organization will weigh the pros, cons, and the consequences of the decision to proceed with, delay or cancel their event.

Daily Updates

World overview:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>


Federal overview:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Canadian COVID-19 tracker (updates daily):

<https://www.covid-19canada.com>


Links to online articles (New)

 Wynn Hotels posts Health and Safety policies - Font and Centre

<https://www.visitwynn.com/documents/Wynn-Health-Plan.pdf>

 Crisis Communication for event cancelation and modification

<https://raceroster.com/post/communications-handbook>

 Social distancing in Arena and Stadiums

https://www.cnbc.com/amp/2020/04/26/coronavirus-social-distancing-could-require-necessary-renovations-to-sports-arenas.html?__twitter_impression=true

 Learn from Hotels

<https://www.hospitalitynet.org/opinion/4098099.html>

 Road Race Guidelines

<https://www.rrca.org/news-articles/news-archives/2020/04/23/looking-forward-guidelines-for-races>


 Italy Reopening Guidelines

https://swimswam.com/italy-will-restart-training-on-may-4th-with-new-guidelines-for-safety/?fbclid=IwAR0a4ohFsT12myPwp7B4pZ5RwJ7pfKkra5t5zfmms12ByiKdZ1_9X5da28M

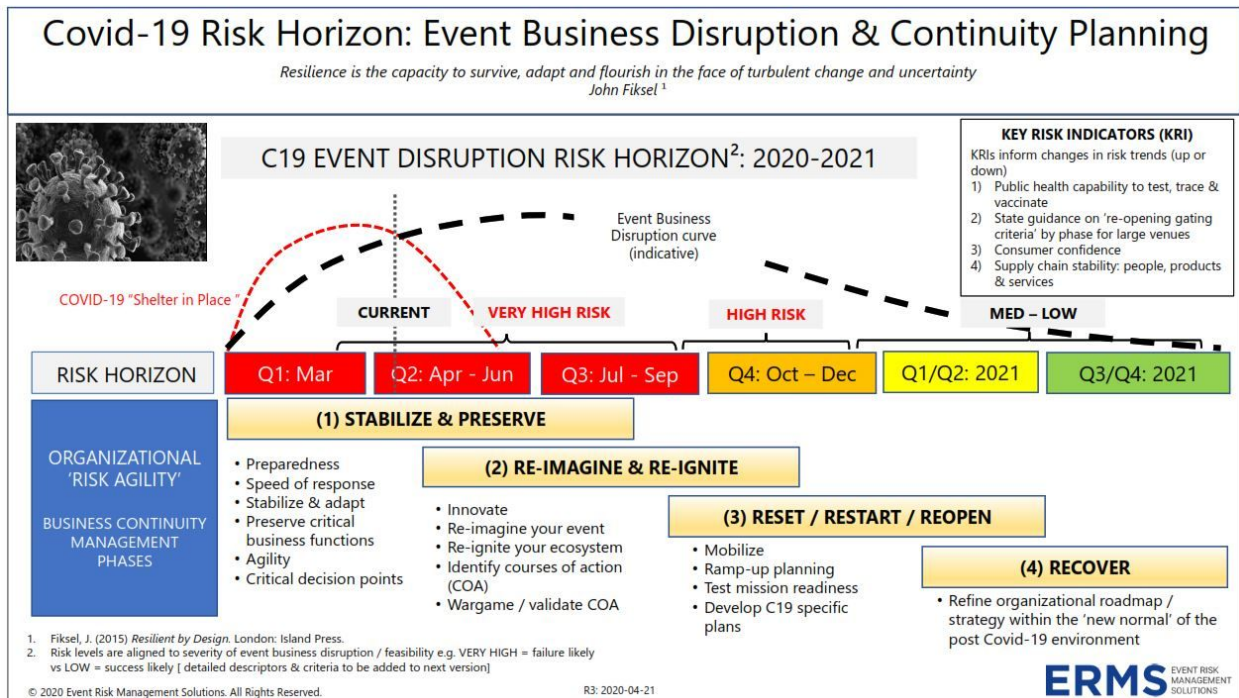
Ontario Guiding Principles to Reopen the Province

 <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/4/ontario-unveils-guiding-principles-to-reopen-the-province.html>

Event Industry Blog

 https://www-eventmanagerblog-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.eventmanagerblog.com/post-coronavirus-events/amp/?fbclid=IwAR12BJNYiqkEZ-QT8SLT_Unz0O04GShhnf_-tabLsoFaq2WqWJyh070I87A

COVID - 19 Risk Horizon Event Business Disruption and Continuity Planning



<https://www.festivalsandeventsonario.ca/images/2020/04/ERMSC19RiskHorizon&EventBusinessDisruptionPlanninginfographicR3.JPG>

The following assumption based planning model (adapted from military planning / BCM methodology) was developed to support friends & colleagues in the industry who are trying to make sense of how to plan within an environment characterized by uncertainty & external influences over which they have limited control.

The model (draft) provides a conceptual approach to the event risk horizon and phases to recovery. The next version will include risk based criteria to inform risk levels. I'm also drafting assumptions (9 so far) to inform baseline planning guidance including:



(1) "Reopening Canada" gating criteria for large venues will continue to impact future festival / event programming & capacity planning until additional guidance is issued.

(2) Economic impacts on discretionary consumer spending and sponsor funding from unemployment and business disruptions will endure into 2021

(3) Uncertain levels of consumer confidence (heightened perception of risk) to attend mass gatherings

(4) Significant disruption to supply chain (people, services and 'stuff') is likely to increase competition for resources in the short to medium term

Race Directors Video Chat - On Road Running event race directors

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=653385622151493&ref=watch_permalink

[Promoters want live music to return this fall. Not so fast, say medical experts.](#)

[When will the lockdown end?](#)

[Here's how the lockdown has improved air quality around the world](#)

[What goes into postponing the Olympic Games?](#)

[When will Canada return to road racing?](#)

[What will my insurance cover?](#)

Useful Tools/Resources/Posts

Understanding COVID - 19:

Dr. Andy Thompson - some the best videos that explain COVID -19

<https://rheuminfo.com/blog/>

Risk Assessment:

Health Canada mass gathering information

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assesment.html>

Training Opportunities / Podcasts

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training>

Recovery Plans:

The recovery plans for the tail end of the 2020 event season will continue into 2021.

Strategic Response:

- Engage with both internal and external stakeholders to understand their position
- Preparing advance messaging regarding delay, postponement, and/or cancellation policy
- Messaging regarding social distancing, self isolation and not attending events if symptomatic
- Reach out to suppliers to discuss contingency planning
- Connect with your insurance company to see what if any coverage is available - cancellation, business interruptions. Not many options, but worth engaging.

Operational Considerations:

- Understanding the impact on Human Resources (volunteer attrition, staff illness etc)
- Preparing for additional Personal Protection Supplies (gloves, sanitizers)
- Messaging to volunteer to reassure measures are being taken to protect them.
- Additional signage regarding proper hand washing before contact etc
- Adjusting food and rehydration plans
- IF Temperature screening

<https://onezero.medium.com/infrared-cameras-could-be-the-new-cctv-b4c79ede310e>

Misc. Updates:

* BC PHO commented mass gatherings are not likely to happen this summer. Sanitary precautions will likely extend to next year.

* Canada and US extended the closure of the border to non-essential travel for another 30 days

* Canada requires every returning travelers to wear a mask or face covering before proceeding to their home/quarantined site to isolate

* District of West Vancouver have cancelled all large public gatherings until August 31, 2020.

* City of Red Deer cancelled all events until June 30, 2020.

* City of Calgary cancel all public events until June 30, 2020

Notable Event Updates:

* (US) Burning Man 2020 is cancelled

* Spartan races in Montreal, Red Deer and Toronto postponed to October 31, August 29-30 and July 11-12 respectively

* (FR) Tour de France postponed, no new date set

* (BC) Vancouver Pride is switching to digital only

* (BC) Car Free Day Vancouver - all 3 events cancelled

* (BC) Steveston Salmon Festival cancelled

* (BC) Playland at PNE opening has been delayed until July

* (ON) Ever After Music Festival postponed

* (ON) Toronto Summer Music Festival cancelled

* (QC) Osheaga Festival postponed indefinitely



- * (ON) Ride to Conquer Cancer is postponed to date unknown
- * (QC) Rogers Cup (Womens) cancelled
- * (BC) Cloverdale Rodeo is cancelled
- * (MB) Dauphin's Countryfest is cancelled
- * (ON) Toronto Caribbean Carnival is cancelled
- * (ON) Huron Waves Music Festival postponed to December 1-11
- * (BC) TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival is cancelled
- * (BC) Bard on the Beach is cancelled
- * (BC) Boundary Bay Airshow is cancelled
- * (BC) BC Superweek is cancelled
- * Canadian Grand Prix is cancelled
- * ITU World Triathlon series postponed all events up to June 30
- * (BC) Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon & 5K is cancelled
- * (BC) Bass Coast Electronic Music and Art Festival is cancelled
- * (AB) Soundtrack Music Festival is cancelled
- * (BC) Shambhala Music Festival is cancelled

UNDER STATES OF EMERGENCY (please note needs to updated)

BC:

- **Mass Gathering prohibition order - less than 50 people**
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/covid-19-pho-class-order-mass-gatherings.pdf>
- **Declaration of Public Health Emergency**
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0089-000505>

AB:

- Mass gatherings are now limited to **no more than 50 attendees**. Until further notice, all Albertans are restricted from attending bars and nightclubs. <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69831287F86B2-0CDB-543B-1137EAA2AD56F3D4>
- **Order-In-Council Declaring a Public Health Emergency**
http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Orders/Orders_in_Council/2020/2020_080.pdf



ON:

- **All organized public events of over 50 people are prohibited**, including parades, events and communal services within places of worship. These orders will remain in place until March 31, 2020, when the province will reassess for an extension or end the closures.
- **Order-in-Council prohibiting mass gathering of over 50 people**
<https://www.ontario.ca/orders-in-council/oc-5202020>
- **Order-in-Council ordering closure of concert venues**
<https://www.ontario.ca/orders-in-council/oc-5192020>

QC:

- Mass gathering must be **less than 250 people**
- **Order in Council declaring a health emergency throughout Québec territory**
<https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/sante-services-social/publications-adm/lois-reglements/decret-177-2020.pdf?1584224223>

PEI:

- **** NO SPECIFIC RESTRICTION ON MASS GATHERING ****
- **Order-In-Council Declaring a Public Health Emergency**
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/20200316truwww_2.pdf

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER ISSUED

SK:

- Public Health Order - **must be less than 250 people. Must be less than 50 if the attendees have travelled internationally within the past 14 days.**
https://www.saskatchewan.ca/-/media/files/coronavirus/covid-main/order-to-prohibit-all-gatherings-of-greater-than-250_mar16.pdf

OFFICIAL ADVICE TO CANCEL OR POSTPONE MASS GATHERING EVENTS



MB:

- Gathering is **recommended** to have **less than 50 people**
<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47038>

NS:

- Count: 15 Confirmed and Presumptively confirmed
- Mass Gathering recommendation **should be less than 150** people
<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/#alerts>

NB:

- Count: 8 Confirmed and Presumptively confirmed
- Mass Gathering recommendation **should be less than 150** people
https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus/community_preparedness.html

NL:

- Count: 4 Presumptively confirmed
- "non-essential gatherings or events of **250 people or more** should be cancelled or postponed"
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0313n02/>

YK: Mass gatherings of more than 50 people are banned.

<https://yukon.ca/en/news/chief-medical-officer-health-recommends-broad-new-measures-yukon>

NWT: All Mass Gatherings 50 People or Over Should Be Cancelled

<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom/all-mass-gatherings-50-people-or-over-should-be-cancelled>

NU: NO RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME.



AB

Alberta is asking organizers to cancel any events that have more than 250 attendees. This includes large sporting events, conferences and community events.

Any event that has more than 50 attendees and expects to have international participants, or involves critical infrastructure staff, seniors, or other high-risk populations should also be cancelled.

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=6980324A5B1B0-BC2C-40A8-A6AD9E30E3189425#toc-0>

BC

"As of today we are directing all event organizers to cancel any gathering larger than 250 ppl."

<https://twitter.com/adriandix/status/1238238322717118464>

Quebec *[Translation]*

that organizations must cancel all indoor gatherings of more than 250 people or that are not needed for the next 30 days.

<http://www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?lang=en&idArticle=2803129140>