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Survey Report

#RestartMB Pandemic Response System: Safely Restoring Services and Activities in Manitoba – Follow up

Date of Collection: January 19 to 21, 2021

Number of Respondents: 37,252

Proposed Changes to Public Health Orders

As a result of preliminary findings collected through the Safely Restoring Services and Activities in Manitoba survey and the advice of public health officials we are now in a position to propose changes to the public health orders. These proposed changes are cautious changes that will continue to protect Manitobans and reduce case numbers, test positivity rates and hospitalizations.

Preliminary feedback from the Safely Restoring Services and Activities survey indicates that 85 per cent of respondents strongly or somewhat agree it is important that we reopen gradually.

We are looking for your feedback on whether the proposed changes that are presented in this survey are moving at the right pace as we cautiously and gradually make changes.

Proposed Changes

The proposed changes that could come into effect later this week in some parts of the province include:

1. Increasing household limits and visitors to private residences.
2. Increasing public gathering limits for funerals.
3. Opening all retail operations with capacity limits and eliminating the essential item list.
4. Opening health and personal services with capacity limits.

Increasing Household Limits and Changing Public Gathering Limits

Preliminary findings of the Safely Restoring Services and Activities in Manitoba survey indicate that 77 per cent of respondents listed the ability to gather with people from outside my household as somewhat or very important.

Public health officials, following the feedback of Manitobans, have proposed the following changes to the public health orders:

- Change residential orders to allow two people with whom you regularly interact to visit your residence.
- Change outdoor gathering sizes so that the five person limit will now apply to outdoor private property.
- Funerals would be permitted to have up to 10 people, in addition to officiants.

Do you agree or disagree that these proposed changes to the public health orders are an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening?

Agree, this proposal is an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening.	62%
Disagree, this proposal moves too quickly.	8%
Disagree, this proposal does not reduce restrictions fast enough.	28%
Unsure	2%
Total	100%

Expanding Access to Health and Personal Services

Preliminary findings of the Safely Restoring Services and Activities in Manitoba survey indicate that 72 per cent of respondents listed the ability to visit health professionals as somewhat or very important and 70 per cent of respondents listed the ability to visit a hair stylist or barber as somewhat or very important.

Public health officials, following the feedback of Manitobans, have proposed the following changes to the public health orders:

- Hair stylists and barbers will be permitted to open at 25 per cent capacity, with adequate physical distancing and contact tracing.
- All non-regulated health professionals such as pedorthists and reflexologists will be able to open with adequate physical distancing and contact tracing.

Do you agree or disagree that these proposed changes to the public health orders are an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening?

Agree, this proposal is an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening.	73%
Disagree, this proposal moves too quickly.	6%
Disagree, this proposal does not reduce restrictions fast enough.	19%
Unsure	2%
Total	100%

Opening All Retail and Eliminating the Essential Item List

Preliminary findings of the Safely Restoring Services and Activities in Manitoba survey indicate that 74 per cent of respondents listed the ability to shop without limitations as somewhat or very important.

Public health officials, following the feedback of Manitobans, have proposed the following changes to the public health orders:

- All retail outlets would be able to open to sell any products.
- Capacity for all retail would be limited to 25 per cent or 250 patrons, whichever is lower.
- Retail stores would be required to maintain patron counts and prove to enforcement officers that they are adhering to the order.

Do you agree or disagree that these proposed changes to the public health orders are an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening?

Agree, this proposal is an appropriate next step in a gradual reopening.	77%
Disagree, this proposal moves too quickly.	9%
Disagree, this proposal does not reduce restrictions fast enough.	13%
Unsure	1%
Total	100%