

Global Critical Infrastructure Guidance

Canada:

Federal: No guidance (as of March 26). **Note:** In Canada, a federal standard would supersede provincial actions if the Emergencies Act is invoked.

Provinces:

- **Quebec:** [Order effective March 25 until April 13](#) that minimizes non-priority services and activities, and defines priority manufacturing activities as follows:
 - Food production (for example agricultural operations, food processing, drink production, slaughterhouses, market-garden vegetable production)
 - Production of inputs necessary for priority sectors
 - Pulp and paper sector
 - Manufacture of medical instruments
 - Manufacture of chemicals
 - Manufacture of sanitary products
 - Manufacture of micro-electronic components
 - Industrial facilities (in particular in the aluminum sector) and mining facilities, which must reduce their activities to a minimum
 - Manufacturing and maintenance in the defense sector

- **Ontario:** [Order published March 23](#) (updated March 26) that lists essential workplaces, including but not limited to the following (review the link for the complete list):
 - Businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials, including businesses that manufacture inputs to other manufacturers (e.g. primary metal/ steel, blow molding, component manufacturers, chemicals, etc. that feed the end-product manufacturer);
 - Businesses, facilities and services that support and facilitate the two-way movement of essential goods within integrated North American and Global supply chains
 - Businesses that farm, harvest, process, manufacture, produce or distribute food, including beverages, crops, animal products and by-products, aquaculture, hunting and fishing
 - Businesses that support the food supply chain including assembly yards, livestock auctions, food distribution hubs, feed mills, farm equipment suppliers, feed suppliers, food terminals and warehouses, animal slaughter plants and grain elevators
 - Business that support the safety of food including animal and plant health and animal welfare
 - Businesses that provide veterinary services, and that supply veterinary and animal control medications and related supplies and testing kits
 - Businesses that help to ensure safe and effective waste management including deadstock, rendering, nutrient management, bio hazardous materials, green waste, packaging recycling
 - Manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and retailers of pharmaceutical products and medical supplies, including medications, medical isotopes, vaccines and antivirals; medical devices and medical supplies
 - Manufacturers, logistics and distributors of products and/or services that support the delivery of health care in all locations (including but not limited to hospitals, labs, long-

term care homes, other residential health care, physicians, nurse practitioners and midwives, and home care services)

- Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of mining materials and products (e.g. metals such as copper, nickel and gold) and that support supply chains in Northern Ontario including:
 - Mining operations, production and processing
 - Mineral exploration and development
 - Mining Supply and Services that support supply chains in the mining industry including maintenance of operations, health and safety
 - Businesses that provide chemicals and gases to support the natural resource sector analytical labs and drinking water and wastewater sectors and other essential businesses
 - Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of forestry products (e.g. lumber, pulp, paper, wood fuel, etc.)
 - Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of aggregates to support critical infrastructure repairs and emergency response requirements (e.g. sandbags, armour stone barriers, etc.)
 - Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of petroleum and petroleum by-products
- British Columbia: [March 26 Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General order](#) that lists essential services, including but not limited to the following (review the link for the complete list):
 - Manufacturers and distributors (to include service centers and related operations) of packaging materials, pallets, crates, containers and other supplies needed to support manufacturing, packaging staging and distribution operations
 - Workers supporting the chemical and industrial gas supply chains, including workers at chemical manufacturing plants, workers in laboratories, workers at distribution facilities, workers who transport basic raw chemical materials to the producers of industrial and consumer goods and support the natural resource sector, as well as workers supporting safety at such facilities
 - Businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials, including businesses that manufacture inputs to other manufacturers (e.g., primary metal/steel, blow molding, component manufacturers, chemicals, etc., that feed the end-product manufacturer)
 - Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, aquaculture and fishing, and businesses that support the food supply chain, as well as community gardens and subsistence agriculture
 - Food processing, manufacturing, storage and distribution of foods, feed products and beverages
- Prince Edward Island: [March 25 order](#) that defines:
 - Essential services as “services that the interruption of which would endanger the life, health or personal safety of the whole or part of the population,” including:
 - Food manufacturers
 - Industrial manufacturers

- Non-essential services as “services not providing food supplies, health, financial support or utilities and when not offered to the public will not impact life, health or personal safety.”
- **Alberta:** [March 25 Chief Medical Officer of Health order](#) requiring that:
 - Any person with confirmed case of COVID-19 isolate for a minimum of 10 days; and
 - Quarantine requirements for individuals who traveled internationally or had close contact with a person confirmed to have COVID-19.

We understand that other provinces are considering taking action, while also consulting with the federal government, which is still weighing whether to make recommendations or invoke the Emergencies Act.

Mexico:

Federal: Mexico has raised its alert level to “2”, with the Ministry of Health issuing [this decree](#) and [presentation](#) on March 24, which include the following measures (as translated from Spanish):

- Temporarily suspend public, social and private sector activities that involve physical concentration, transit or displacement of people until April 19. Additionally, plans must be implemented to guarantee the continuity of operations for the fulfillment of functions essential related to the mitigation and control of the COVID-19 health risks and guarantee workers’ rights.
- Companies, businesses, commercial establishments and “all those necessary” may operate (*e.g.*, hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, laboratories, medical, financial, telecommunications, and media services, hotel and hospitality services restaurants, gas stations, markets, supermarkets, transportation services, gas distribution) as long as they do not have closed spaces with crowds.
- Temporarily suspend events and meetings of 100 people or more.
- Suspend schools from March 23 to April 19.

Mexico has not issued further guidance that defines essential versus non-essential industries/businesses/workers beyond that which is detailed in the aforementioned March 24 decree.

States:

- **Chihuahua:** [March 25 order](#) that appears to allow continued operation of the manufacturing industry, while imposing restrictions on public gatherings and other activities.

United Kingdom:

On March 19, the United Kingdom released [high-level guidance](#) for schools, childcare providers, colleges and local authorities.