

Dear Ralph Suppa:

On behalf of Hon Premier Kenney, thank you for your recent inquiry. We appreciate that employers have questions as the Alberta government continues to address challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 27, the government introduced [new measures](#) for close contact businesses such as hair salons and barbershops; dine-in restaurants; and non-essential retail businesses, including clothing, gift and sporting goods stores. To help slow the spread of COVID-19, these businesses are required to close, but may offer customers online shopping and curbside pick up.

The list of essential businesses that are permitted to operate in Alberta can be found at www.alberta.ca/essential-services.aspx. These businesses must have proper risk mitigation measures in place, such as sanitation stations and appropriate distancing between customers.

For the latest and most accurate information on how the Alberta government is supporting businesses affected by COVID-19, please visit alberta.ca/covid-19-support-for-employers. If you have additional questions, feel free to email bizconnect@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you again for contacting our office. Our sincere best wishes for good health during this challenging time.

Regards,
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