

Re-Introduction of Permitting and New Construction

Renew PEI, Together outlines the guiding principles and phased approach to reopening businesses, services and public spaces. Progression will be gradual and constantly evaluated based on the latest public health information from PEI's Chief Public Health Office (CPHO). Decisions during each phase will be based on public health evidence and continuous monitoring to protect the health and safety of Islanders.

As per the measures outlined in Phase #1 of the *Renew PEI, Together* initiative, all new construction can resume in the province effective Friday, May 1, 2020. The Land Division will begin releasing approved Development Permits on Monday, May 4, 2020.

We ask that municipal planning authorities also use this date for releasing approved permits in order to avoid public confusion.

Government offices will continue to be closed to the public for the time being. However, staff will continue to accept and process applications. At this time, both Development and Building Permit applications will be accepted via email, fax or mail.

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The CPHO has directed that the following precautions be taken on construction sites:

- Take all reasonable steps to ensure there are no more than 5 workers per floor or working near to each other in the general vicinity.
- Stay informed, be prepared and follow public health advice.
- Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres (6 ft) between individuals. This applies to all public areas as well as employee designated areas such as break areas.
- Encourage frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains 60% - 80% alcohol.
- Ensure enhanced cleaning and sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces.
- Encourage vulnerable individuals to exercise caution and minimize high-risk exposures.
- An illness exclusion policy must be in place, which requires staff to stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. Persons exhibiting signs of illness should be asked to leave.