

## **What does Saskatchewan's Re-Opening Roadmap mean for Dietitians?**

On July 11, 2021 Saskatchewan will enter Step 3 of its re-opening plan and all remaining public health restrictions will be removed. Although this signals a return to pre-pandemic life for many residents of Saskatchewan, it will not be a full return to "business as usual" across all sectors, including healthcare.

Dietitians are required to follow their employer's direction related to the continuation of safety directives. The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) have already indicated that masking and use of personal protective equipment will remain in place in their facilities and long-term care homes until the risks of COVID-19 are effectively controlled.

If your employer has not provided guidance or you are self-employed, the Saskatchewan Dietitians Association (SDA) encourages you to continue with the safety and infection control practices you have put in place (ie. physical distancing for staff and clients, regular cleaning and disinfecting, frequent handwashing and sanitizing, use of PPE where appropriate, keeping staff who demonstrate or report COVID-19 symptoms out of the workplace) to reduce the risk of variants of concern (VOC) and further waves of COVID-19.

For your safety and the safety of your clients, SDA also encourages you to "finish the fight" and get fully vaccinated with both doses. If you haven't already done so, book your vaccination appointment [here](#).

More information about Step Three of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan accessed [here](#) and FAQ for Businesses/Workers [here](#). Re-Open Saskatchewan "Guidelines for Medical Professionals" accessed [here](#).