

# Temporary changes for timelines, locations, etc.

## COVID-19

Changes no longer in effect as of Aug. 15

### Overview

As a response to COVID-19, and under the authority of the *Public Health Act*, Service Alberta issued a Ministerial Order in April that temporarily modified certain legislative and regulatory provisions related to time, location, distance, and access to information.

The temporary measures outlined below were in effect for the duration of the state of public health emergency (lifted June 15), and for 60 days following. The measures will no longer be in effect as of Aug. 15, following the expiry of the Ministerial Order.

### Changes related to time

Applicable Act or Regulation	Change during state of public health emergency	Status as of Aug. 15
<i>Companies Act</i> <i>Business Corporations Act</i> Business Corporations Regulation <i>Condominium Property Act</i> <i>Cooperatives Act</i> Cooperatives Regulation <i>Societies Act</i>	Requirements for holding Annual General Meetings (AGMs) suspended. Virtual meetings still permissible if set out in legislation.	Requirement for holding corporate meetings, such as AGMs, resumes according to schedule before the Ministerial Order took effect. Precise dates for meetings may vary by organization. Organizations that postponed meetings should hold their meetings as soon as reasonably possible after Aug. 15.
Business Corporations Regulation <i>Companies Act</i> Partnership Regulation <i>Societies Act</i>	Annual return filing timelines suspended.	Annual return filing timelines reinstated. Organizations who delayed filing returns must file their annual returns after their AGM.
<i>Consumer Protection Act</i>	Timelines extended for businesses to fulfill direct sales contracts and provide refunds.	Timelines revert to normal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 days to fulfill a direct sales contract</li> <li>• 15 days to provide a refund</li> </ul>

For up to date information on COVID-19, visit [alberta.ca/covid19](https://alberta.ca/covid19)

## Changes related to time (cont'd)

Applicable Act or Regulation	Change during state of public health emergency	Status as of Aug. 15
<i>Vital Statistics Act</i> Vital Statistics Information Regulation Vital Statistics Ministerial Regulation	Timelines extended from 10 days to 20 days for medical professionals, funeral directors and hospital administrators to submit registration documents for deaths, births and stillbirths.	Timelines revert to normal. Medical professionals, funeral directors and hospital administrations have 10 days to submit registration documents for deaths, births and stillbirths.
<i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i>  * These changes applied to requests received on or after the date of the Ministerial Order, and to any requests that were underway when the order was made.	Public bodies were given the following timeline extensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 days to reply to access requests.</li> <li>• 45 days to decide if a request needs to be transferred to another public body.</li> <li>• 90 days to decide whether to release third party records.</li> </ul>	Timelines revert to normal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 days to reply to access requests.</li> <li>• 15 days to transfer a request to another public body.</li> <li>• 30 days to decide whether to release third party records.</li> </ul>

## Changes related to location and distance

Applicable Act or Regulation	Change during state of public health emergency	Status as of Aug. 15
<i>Business Corporations Act</i> <i>Societies Act</i> <i>Companies Act</i>	Provisions that require access to physical documents at offices or at AGMs suspended. Digital access can continue to be provided.	Provisions that require access to physical documents at offices or at AGMs resume.
<i>Business Corporations Act</i> <i>Condominium Property Act</i> Cooperatives Regulation	In-person meeting requirements suspended. Virtual meetings can continue where allowed.	In-person meeting requirements reinstated.
<i>Residential Tenancies Act</i> <i>Condominium Property Act</i>	Landlord, condominium corporations or other individuals could not enter the premises of a tenant or condominium owner with notice in certain circumstances, such as when the tenant is isolating or the landlord is sick. Emergency access was still permitted.	The legal restriction under the <i>Residential Tenancies Act</i> and <i>Condominium Property Act</i> preventing landlords or condominium corporations from entering the premises of a tenant or condo owner if any of the parties involved are sick or isolating has ended, recognizing the existing guidance and health measures in place. Requirements for physical distancing and isolating when sick or showing symptoms are still in effect, and Albertans should be adhering to these restrictions.