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Re-opening the Region

Yesterday, the province announced Phase 2 of re-opening starting this Friday. Our Region was one of 24 areas allowed to enter Phase 2, which is very encouraging news for all of us.

This will include businesses and amenities such as:

- Outdoor patios at bars and restaurants
- Personal services like hair salons
- Outdoor pools and splash pads
- Shopping malls
- Spiritual gatherings and more.

At this time Public Health units are anticipating guidance from the province regarding the reopening requirements for these businesses, so businesses that have questions about guidelines for re-opening can visit the province's website.

Mike Murray will speak shortly about the Region's plans for gradually reopening the Region's programs and services.

Public health measures

Entering Phase 2 is a result of all the hard work of our healthcare staff, frontline workers, support workers and citizens who followed quarantine guidelines throughout COVID-19. Thanks to all of you for your diligence and patience.

With more businesses opening and gatherings of 10 or less starting on Friday, I want to stress the importance of continuing to practice public



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health guidelines. We must still stay six feet apart, wear masks when we're out and wash our hands thoroughly and often, trying not to touch our faces. We've come a long way, however we don't have a vaccine, and catching COVID-19 is still a risk. Please continue to practice public health guidelines and keep us moving toward a COVID free region.