

Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



**FROM A PROVINCIAL
POINT OF VIEW.**

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**SASKATOON
WILLOWGROVE**

Re-Open Saskatchewan Phase 4.1

June 22

Re-Opening:

- Child and youth day camps
- Outdoor pools and spray parks
- Outdoor sports

Premier Scott Moe, " Today, kids and parents can begin to enjoy more activities outdoors with pools, spray parks, sports and day camps re-opening as part of Phase 4.1 of Re-Open Saskatchewan.

The full list of guidelines are available at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../re-open-saskatchewa.../whats-new>

DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS IN BRIGHTON THAT YOU WOULD LIKE FEATURED IN THIS NEWSLETTER?



In the east end of Saskatoon, amidst hundreds of acres of natural beauty, it has been exciting to watch a unique community take shape.

From first time home buyers to growing families and retirees, a diverse range of homes are located throughout this community to suit everyone's needs.

The best part of Brighton is the community spirit. Families are loving this new area where they see a growing number of amenities. At Village Centre there is a skating rink, as well as a large public plaza facing an enchanting water feature. This is where Brighton comes to life.

Featured today is a new business in Bright. If you have a business or an event in this growing community in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove and would like me to feature it in this newsletter, please provide information to my office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net.

STANDARD AND POOR'S (S&P) GLOBAL RATINGS AFFIRMS SASKATCHEWAN'S AA RATING



Stating in its report that Saskatchewan's creditworthiness is supported by the province's strong financial management, S&P Global Ratings (S&P) has affirmed Saskatchewan's AA credit rating and stable outlook.

S&P states in its report that:

"The stable outlook reflects our expectation that deterioration in Saskatchewan's budgetary performance as a result of the pandemic will be temporary, with the province recording steady improvement in fiscal results over the next two years."

With S&P's rating, Saskatchewan maintains the second-highest credit rating in the country, when ratings from the three major agencies are considered. This includes Moody's Investors Service Triple A rating, the recent AA(low) rating from the DBRS Morningstar, and S&P's confirmed rating issued in its report Friday, June 19.

"S&P's rating confirmation supports Saskatchewan's strong fiscal foundation," Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "The agency's report also notes that while the effects and challenge of the

pandemic are considerable, our province is in a position to move forward and recover. It is a pandemic deficit, not a structural deficit. We will continue to invest in the priorities of Saskatchewan people and develop a plan to return to balance, over time.”

The report also notes that:

“In our current assumptions, we expect that beyond 2020, the province’s economic and financial recovery will be sufficient to allow the government to resume its focus on fiscal sustainability.”

GUIDANCE ON GATHERING SIZES

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Starting June 22, occasional gathering sizes may increase to 30 people indoors and 30 people outdoors

- Maintain physical distancing. If you don’t have enough space for 30, invite fewer people.
- Do not share food or drinks.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Remember that any gathering increases the risk of transmission.



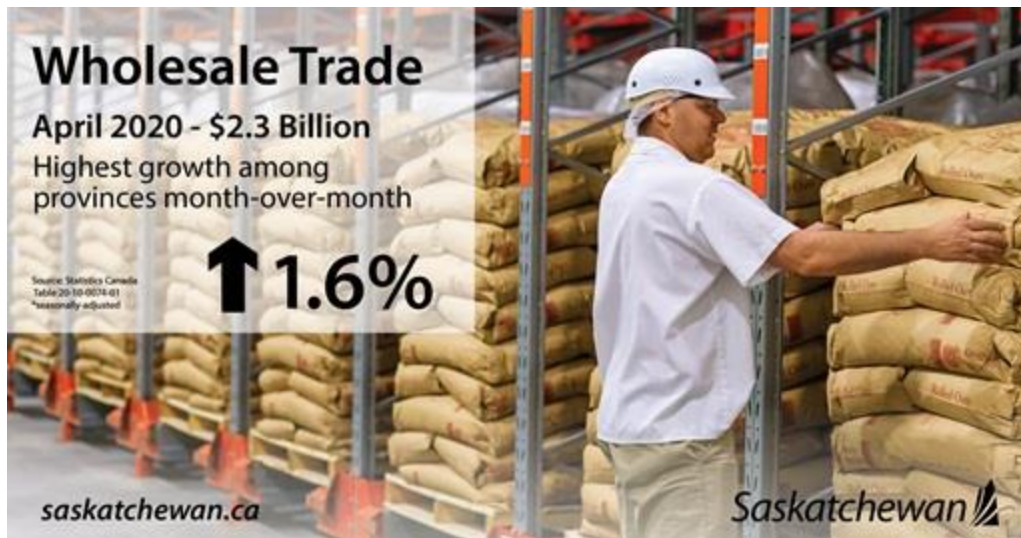
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Effective today, Monday, June 22, indoor gatherings of up to 30 are permitted where space allows for two metres of physical distancing between participants. Outdoor gatherings of up to 30 people continue to be permitted with a two metre physical separation between individuals.

HIGHEST WHOLESALE TRADE GROWTH IN CANADA



Saskatchewan's wholesale trade in April 2020, was up 1.6 per cent (seasonally adjusted) over the previous month to \$2.3 billion, the highest increase among the provinces and far ahead of the Canadian average of a decline of 21.6 per cent.

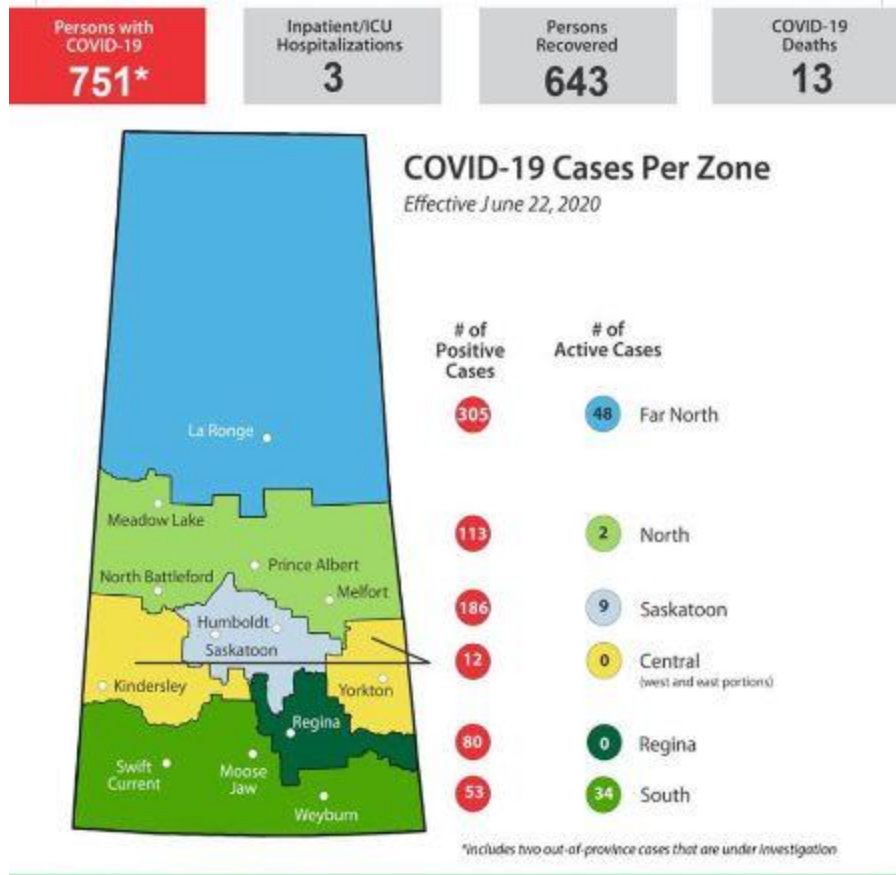
“We have faced our share of challenges with COVID-19, but this leading indicator shows that we are better positioned than many other jurisdictions to recover from this pandemic,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Our people and our businesses are resilient as demonstrated by these statistics showing that businesses continue to purchase in large quantities in order to resell them.”

On a year-over-year basis, wholesale trade in the province was down by 2.7 per cent, the second-lowest decrease when compared to other provinces, while the Canadian average was a decline of 23.4 per cent over the same period.

There were gains noted (March/April) in:

- Motor vehicles and parts up 31.9 per cent;
- Farm products up 6.3 per cent; and
- Machinery and equipment up 5.0 per cent.

JUNE 22ND UPDATE



There are five new cases of COVID-19 in Saskatchewan to report on June 22, 2020, bringing the provincial total to 751. Four of the cases are in the Far North region and one is in the Saskatoon region. Of the 751 reported COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan, 95 are considered active.

Saskatoon Area Outbreak Over

The Saskatchewan Health Authority has declared the outbreak in the Saskatoon area as over. The outbreak was originally declared on May 27, 2020, after a number of new cases were identified as being linked to two large family gatherings in early May.

COVID-19 Testing

Testing for COVID-19 is available to anyone currently working outside the home or anyone returning to work as part of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan.

Testing is also available to:

- Those being admitted to acute care for more than 24 hours, including expectant mothers.

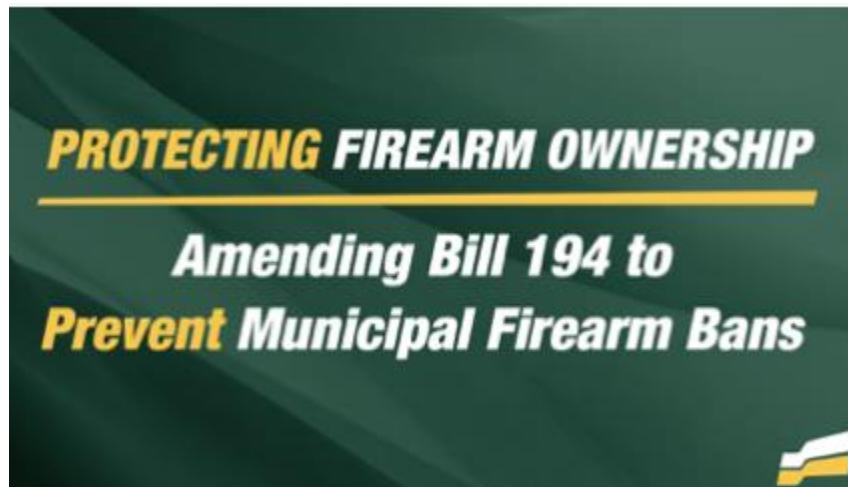
- Immunocompromised individuals and their health care providers.

If you are experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, headaches, aches and pains, sore throat, chills, runny nose or a loss of your sense of taste or smell, contact HealthLine 811 or your family physician for advice on whether you should be tested for COVID-19. You can also take the online self-assessment at www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19.

General public inquiries may be directed to COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca.

Find the most up-to-date version of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan at www.saskatchewan.ca/re-open. Read this entire news release [here](#).

PROVINCE AMENDS BILL TO PROTECT FIREARM OWNERSHIP



June 16, the Government of Saskatchewan brought forward amendments to Bill 194 that will better protect the rights of legal firearm and handgun owners within the province by limiting the ability to ban firearm and handgun ownership within the province through new local municipal bylaws.

“These amendments are proactive steps that will ensure law-abiding citizens maintain the right to safe, legal firearms ownership in Saskatchewan,” Government Relations Minister Lori Carr said. “Clear and consistent firearms ownership rules are needed to avoid a potential patchwork of regulations that will limit the rights of Saskatchewan people.”

The federal government has indicated it plans to pass legislation intended to delegate to municipalities the ability to ban handguns or other firearms.

“The Government of Saskatchewan prefers to take the position of encouraging education and safety with a focus on current enforcement efforts, while taking a tough stance on criminals who are breaking the existing laws, rather than further restricting legitimate firearms ownership by law-abiding residents,” Carr said.

The amendments were made to *The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2019*, which was originally introduced in the fall of 2019. Other amendments include clarifying municipal responsibilities when posting public notices.

Municipalities will continue to be required to publish the following items within their local or regional newspaper:

- Restructuring notices;
- Local status and boundary changes;
- Completion of assessment rolls as well as assessment notices; and
- The last day for assessment appeals.

The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2019 is available on Publications Saskatchewan at <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#!/products/103943>.

NEW TEMPORARY TRAINING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYERS

Temporary Subsidy for Employee Training Costs

- » The Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy provides a 100% reimbursement of up to \$10,000 for businesses to train employees, and support the safe re-opening of businesses in accordance with the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan.
- » This subsidy is available to private and not-for-profit employers currently listed as *critical public services and allowable businesses* in the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan.



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The Government of Saskatchewan announced a new temporary training program to help businesses train employees to enhance safety protocols and adjust business models as they re-open.

The Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy (RSTS) program will reimburse eligible private-sector employers 100 per cent of employee training costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 per business to mitigate against additional financial impacts from training required to support their safe re-opening.

“This program is another tool to support Saskatchewan businesses through this challenging period by fully funding the costs of the short-term training necessary to re-open and adapt to the post-COVID environment,” Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Through this program and other initiatives, we remain committed to working with businesses during this period of economic recovery throughout the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan.”

For additional information, read the entire news release [here](#).

CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 9 TO JUNE 15, 2020



Seeding is virtually complete in Saskatchewan, with 99 per cent of the crop now planted. Strong winds have continued throughout the province this week and the drying conditions have some producers concerned about moisture conditions.

The rain received in most areas was welcome, but more is needed in some areas. While winds delayed spraying for many, producers made progress spraying for weeds and insects when it was calm and as crop stages allowed.

A complete, printable version of the Crop Report is available online at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/crop-report>. Follow the 2020 Crop Report on Twitter at @SKAgriculture.

Read more [here](#).

PROVINCE INTRODUCES FIRST STEPS TO IMPROVE POLICE OVERSIGHT

Government has introduced *The Police Amendment Act, 2020* June 17 as an initial step to improving police oversight in Saskatchewan.

The Act contains numerous enhancements to the Investigation Observer process to make it more transparent and accountable. Under the current legislation, an Investigation Observer is appointed by the Deputy Minister of Justice in situations where someone has suffered a serious injury or death in the custody of or as a result of the actions of a police officer.

The new legislation transfers responsibility for this process to the Public Complaints Commission (PCC) and requires the chair of the PCC to publish online summaries of the results of Investigation Observer reports.

In support of this, \$350,000 has been allocated in the 2020-21 provincial budget to hire more staff to manage the increased workload that is anticipated as a result of the additional responsibilities being granted to the PCC.

“Through this Act we will be making numerous enhancements to improve transparency and accountability in our provincial police oversight processes,” Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. “We will continue work with our partners to evaluate what our next steps will be in our ongoing efforts to improve police oversight in Saskatchewan.”

Read more about the changes [here](#).

THE SASKATOON FARMERS' MARKET HAS RE-OPENED



- **The Saskatoon Farmers' Market is following the guidance of the federal, provincial, and local authorities for their operation in the coming weeks.**
- **The Market has re-opened and is operating again as a traditional-format farmers' market on Saturdays and Sundays.**

The market is indoors and outdoors. They will be limiting the number of customers, controlling access and flow, providing more space between vendors, and maintaining a rigorous cleaning schedule.

They ask that you be patient, maintain proper social distancing, make use of the hand sanitizer throughout the building and of course support local.

Check their social media [@stoonfarmersmkt](#) for updates or email skfarm@sasktel.net if you have specific questions.

[You can buy online too!](#)

**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR GRANTS TO SUPPORT VETERAN
SERVICE CLUBS**



The Government of Saskatchewan is providing \$100,000 in 2020-21 to continue supporting the important work of veteran service clubs across the province.

“For a second year, our government is proud to provide grants under the Saskatchewan Veteran Service Club Support Program,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “This funding allows us to honour our fallen heroes and provide community access to essential facilities in our province.”

This program is delivered in collaboration with the Royal Canadian Legion Saskatchewan Command and the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans (ANAVETS), Saskatchewan Provincial Command. Registered, non-profit veteran service clubs based in Saskatchewan are eligible to apply for grants up to \$5,000.

Applications are now being accepted and must be received by August 14, 2020 at midnight. All Proposals will be required to meet relevant COVID-19 restrictions.

More information about the program, guidelines, application and eligibility are available through the Royal Canadian Legion Saskatchewan Command at 306-525-8739 or at admin@sasklegion.ca.

The entire news release can be seen [here](#).

BRETT KISSEL TO PLAY AT SASKATOON DRIVE-IN CONCERT AT SASKTEL CENTRE!



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One of Canada's biggest country music stars, Brett Kissel isn't letting a little thing like a pandemic stop him from entertaining fans in Saskatoon.

Kissel is set to return to the Bridge City on June 27 for an event branded 'Party in the Parking Lot' at SaskTel Centre. Kissel recently played six sold-out drive-in concerts in Edmonton to fundraise for local food banks, and has three sold-out shows set for Regina on Saturday in support of the city's food bank. SaskTel Centre will be collecting donations for Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre at the time of ticket purchase on Ticketmaster.ca, and non-perishable food items will be accepted on site.

"We've proven that the appetite for live music is strong, and my fans miss concerts just as much as I do! Which is why it feels so good to announce an epic performance in one of my favourite cities!" Kissel said in a statement.

SaskTel Centre has had success in recent weekends with pop-up drive-in theatre shows, noted executive director Scott Ford. He said that "has shown us that our community is excited about

unique experiences to come together.”

Read the entire StarPhoenix article [here](#).

PROVINCE INVESTS MORE THAN \$80 MILLION IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

The Government of Saskatchewan is making a significant investment of more than \$80 million in long-term care facilities across the province. Saskatchewan seniors will benefit from an investment of approximately \$73 million in new long-term care facilities in Grenfell and La Ronge. More than \$7.2 million will be invested in 2020-21 for 82 priority renewal projects in 51 long-term care facilities across the province.

These projects are part of the Government of Saskatchewan’s \$7.5 billion two-year capital to plan to build a strong Saskatchewan and stimulate Saskatchewan’s economic recovery. Under the two-year capital to plan to build a strong Saskatchewan, \$200 million was designated for health infrastructure including major projects and maintenance funding.

“Our government is taking action to meet the need for long-term care services in rural and northern areas,” Rural and Remote Health Minister Warren Kaeding said. “We kept our promise to build 13 new long-term care facilities across the province, with the final facility now under construction in Meadow Lake. These new investments reaffirm our commitment to Saskatchewan seniors.”

Click [here](#) to read more about the funding.



Safe Return to Classrooms Guidelines Released

For full details visit: [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca)

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Premier Scott Moe, " While Saskatchewan children still have a summer of fun ahead of them, we're working to make sure they have a great school year this fall.

Kids are looking forward to being back in the classroom alongside their classmates and teachers.

The guidelines released today will help ensure both students and staff can return to class safely."

Learn more: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/re-open-saskatchewan-plan/guidelines/primary-and-secondary-educational-institution-guidelines>



Saskatchewan was the first province in Canada to release a plan for re-opening its economy and we're continuing to move through that plan. On June 22nd, Phase 4.1 will begin, allowing for the things that make Saskatchewan summers so great – outdoor sports, pools, and youth camps – to re-open. Nearly every business in the province is now able to re-open.

According to a recent CFIB survey, 66% of Saskatchewan small businesses are now open again, second only to New Brunswick among the provinces. We're committed to reopening Saskatchewan as quickly as possible and announcing the date for Phase 4.2 in the very near future.



[Summer Seal Coating Season Is Underway On Provincial Highways](#)

[Saskatchewan Supports International Plant Protein Summit](#)

[Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission Re-Starting Services](#)

["Clare's Law" Coming into Force In Saskatchewan on June 29, 2020](#)

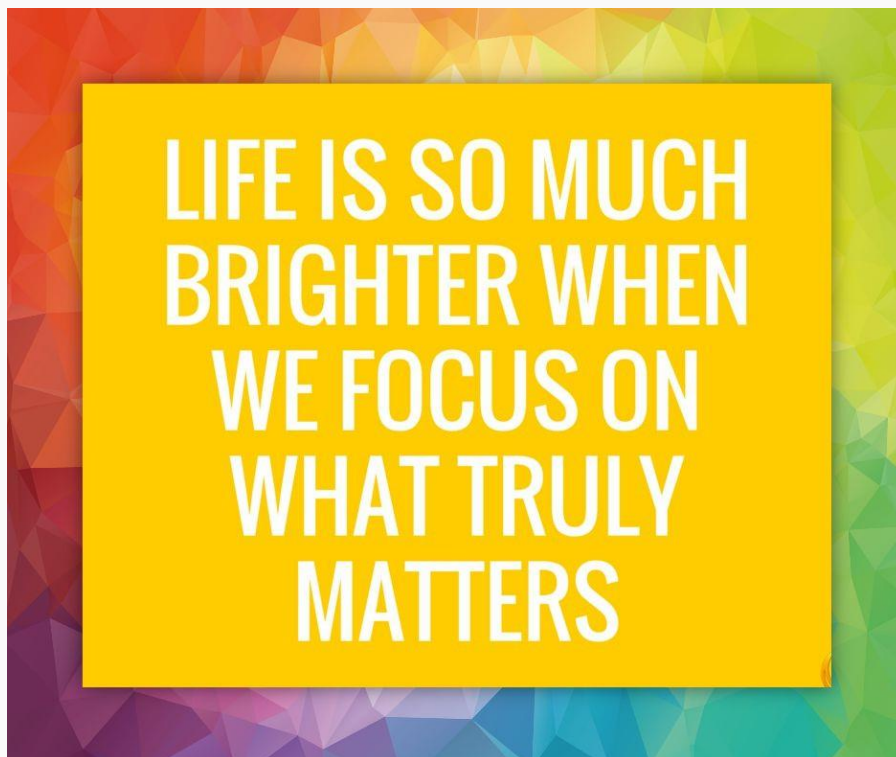
[55 Municipal Economic Enhancement Program Projects Approved to Move Ahead](#)

Read more news releases [here](#).



- Saskatchewan added approximately 700,000 hectares of protected areas in 2019, increasing its total to 6.4 million hectares. This covers 10 per cent of the province's total land base and includes representation from each of the province's 11 ecoregions.
- The Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$9.8 billion in highways infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 15,800 km of Saskatchewan highways.
- The province provides CBI with more than \$4.5 million in total funding for the 2019-20 fiscal year to help support people with intellectual disabilities.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

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