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Today, Premier Scott Moe and Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab announced the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan.

Re-Open Saskatchewan is a plan built on a methodical and phased approach to slowly lifting restrictions so that more businesses can open and more employees can go back to work. The plan introduces five phases to methodically, gradually and cautiously re-open businesses and services across Saskatchewan, beginning May 4, 2020. The plan also details physical distancing measures and restrictions that will remain in place throughout the five phases and provides a number of factors to inform decisions regarding the lifting of long-term restrictions.

“Over the next several weeks, restrictions will be gradually lifted by adding more types of businesses to the allowable businesses list, meaning that they can re-open if they so choose,” Moe said. “All businesses and public venues will be required to continue following physical distancing and cleaning and disinfection practices to protect both employees and customers. Members of the public will be expected to follow physical distancing rules and to stay home if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.”

#### **Part of Phase One – Beginning May 4, 2020**

On May 4, public access to medical services will be reinstated, including access to dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, opticians, podiatry, occupational therapy and chiropractic treatment. When it is not possible to physically distance, providers will be required to take precautionary measures as outlined by the Chief Medical Health Officer.

#### **[Link to Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan](#)**

The Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association acknowledges that on May 4th, access to dental care will be reinstated. This will occur in stages, as regulated by the College of Dental Surgeons (CDSS), while the Covid-19 pandemic evolves. The CDSS plans to update the Covid-19 Pandemic Interim Protocol on or before April 27, 2020.

#### **The COVID 19 virus remains in our communities thus returning to work will not be “business as usual”.**

Current requirements for dental care remain in place. Members must remain updated on the current protocol. [CDSS Alert – COVID-19 Pandemic: Level 2 IPC Interim Protocol Update](#). Other pertinent information can be found on the [SDTA Website](#) and the [CDSS website](#).