

State of Emergency under the Emergency Measures Act (EMA) and COVID-19

Q and A for Municipalities

Why did the Manitoba government declare a state of emergency?

The Manitoba government declared a province-wide state of emergency to ensure the government is able and ready to address the effects of COVID-19.

What powers does the Manitoba government have after declaring a state of emergency?

The declaration enables the government to protect the health and well-being of Manitobans as COVID-19 develops.

Does the state of emergency have any impacts on municipal operations?

No, the declaration of a provincial state of emergency does not by itself impact municipal operations.

What specific orders come with the declaration?

The only orders that are announced with the declaration at this time are those issued by the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer. The orders in place are listed on the March 20, 2020, News Release – *Manitoba Government Declares State of Emergency to Protect the Public, Reduce Spread of COVID-19* which can be found online at <https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47137&posted=2020-03-20>

Does the provincial state of emergency provide financial assistance for impacts related to COVID-19?

No, the declaration of a provincial state of emergency is unrelated to financial assistance for municipalities.

How long will the state of emergency remain in effect?

The state of emergency will remain in effect for 30 days and can be extended if necessary.

What are other provinces doing?

Most provinces are declaring emergencies and issuing public health orders.

Who should I contact if I have questions about a state of emergency?

You can contact the Manitoba Emergency Coordination Centre by email at mecc@gov.mb.ca or by phone at 204-945-5555.

Where can I get a copy of the Emergency Measures Act to learn more about a state of emergency?

You can read more on the Emergency Measures Act and a state of emergency online at <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/e080e.php>