

## Ont. fully reopen construction sites

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All construction sites in Ontario will fully re-open May 19 after most were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Limitations were put in place at the end of March.

**The Residential Construction Council of Ontario ([RESCON](#)) commends the announcement by the provincial government that allows work on all construction sites to move forward, including new housing projects in the residential sector.**

**“Allowing all residential construction to proceed in Ontario as of next week will have a tremendously positive impact on the economic recovery of the province as well as ensuring that housing is provided for thousands of Ontarians,” said Richard Lyall, president of RESCON. “It will be critical that the municipal development and building review, permitting and inspection process support the industry’s effort.”**

**The economic recovery will not be without challenges, adds Lyall. But the residential construction industry in Ontario will try to do their best to ensure the economy is firing on all cylinders as quickly and safely as possible.**

**“Our industry health and safety has always been and will remain our industry’s top concern,” said Andrew Pariser, vice president of RESCON. “The proactive and stringent measures that our sector implemented on-site during COVID have been successful. Our rapid response and across-the-board implementation have kept workers safe. We will continue to adhere to [Ministry of Labour](#) health and safety guidelines and remain vigilant addressing issues before they become hazards.”**