

# Daily Update – 15 October 2020

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## 5 hand sanitizers added to Health Canada's evolving recall list

Five more hand sanitizers were added to Health Canada's [evolving recall list](#) on Tuesday, which now includes more than 100 products that may pose health risks. The newest recalled hand sanitizers are:

- Last Best Brewing and Distilling Hand Sanitizer from Last Best Brewery (Calgary)
- Nomad Hand Sanitizer (Lemongrass) from Rocky Mountain Soap Company (Canmore, Alta.)
- Purify Hand Sanitizer and Antibacterial Spray from Prairie Potions (Winnipeg)
- Gel d'alcool pour les mains avec émoullients, 70% alcool éthylique en format de 250 mL from Sanix (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que.)
- Gel d'alcool pour les mains avec émoullients, 70% alcool éthylique en format de 4 L from Sanix (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que.)

The products were recalled either for containing technical-grade ethanol without authorization, containing methanol or missing risk statements.

Health Canada said if you own any of the recalled products on the list, you should immediately stop using them and consult a health care professional if you have used them and have any concerns.

Any [adverse events](#) or [complaints](#) can be reported to Health Canada.

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## WestJet shuts down most of its operations in Atlantic Canada

WestJet will soon no longer fly to Moncton, Fredericton, Sydney, Charlottetown and Quebec City and drastically cut back its service to St. John's and Halifax.

The Calgary-based airline said Wednesday it is eliminating 100 flights, which represent about 80 per cent of the airline's service in and out of Atlantic Canada. The airline also says it is also suspending operations to Quebec City, by removing its flight between there and Toronto.

The route cancellations mean that the airline will also shutter its operations in the airports of Charlottetown, Moncton, Fredericton and Sydney. The routes will be cancelled as of Nov. 2.

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## BC Small Business Week 2020 (October 18-24)

Small Business BC is joining the national celebration of Small Business Week 2020 from October 18 to 24 with a variety of educational options designed to help business owners navigate the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. To register for these sessions please click [www.smallbusinessbc.ca/small-business-week](http://www.smallbusinessbc.ca/small-business-week).

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## Ottawa business coalition demanding province justify local closures

A group representing thousands of businesses in Ottawa is asking the premier and his ministers for an immediate meeting about the province's decision to close down certain sectors in COVID-19 hot spots.

Dine-in restaurants and bars, gyms, movie theatres, casinos and more were forced to [close again on the weekend](#) after the province ordered Ottawa, Toronto and Peel region to return to modified Stage 2 pandemic restrictions, citing the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in those areas. The restrictions are in effect for at least 28 days.

The Ottawa Coalition of Business Improvement Areas (OCOBIA) penned an open letter Monday to Premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Christine Elliott and Economic Development Minister Vic Fideli.

The coalition, which represents more than 6,200 bricks-and-mortar businesses in the city, says those restrictions have impacted its members' ability to survive the pandemic. OCOBIA says the measures will "only cause more economic hardship" on one of the hardest-hit industries.

The letter asks the province to review its decision and tailor Ottawa's restrictions based on Ottawa Public Health's (OPH) recommendations for the city, which are based on local data. In early October, Ottawa's medical officer of health Dr. Vera Etches said she was looking at closures [only as a last resort](#).

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## An Insider's Guide to the 2020 US Election

Monday, October 19th, 3:15-4:15pm ET

Join Inside Elections' Nathan Gonzalez for an overview of what to expect in the presidential election and other important races across the country. Learn what the polls are REALLY saying, and what we will find out on November 3 and beyond. Nathan's well-respected, non-partisan analysis is cited regularly in major media outlets and corporate boardrooms across America. Attendees can elect to receive 50 CFE Credits. You can [register here](#).

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## Resources

Osler's: [The Employer's COVID-19 Return to the Workplace Playbook](#)