

On November 24, 2020, Alberta declared a State of Public Health Emergency, and on December 8, 2020, the province introduced additional mandatory, province-wide restrictions. These latest COVID-19 pandemic guidelines (CMOH Order 41-2020) prohibit all indoor and outdoor social gatherings - public and private.

These public health restrictions are intended to keep people safe, which is a top priority of both the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton. These restrictions also mean that Candy Cane Lane is not permitted to operate in its regular format, which has historically had many people experiencing the light displays on foot, walking along the sidewalks.

Recognizing that holiday activities will be severely limited this year, the City of Edmonton has worked with Alberta Health Services (AHS) to ensure Candy Cane Lane remains available for Edmontonians to experience from the safety of their vehicles this year.

AHS has agreed that Candy Cane Lane could be a drive-through experience, but without supporting infrastructure or activities such as washrooms, food trucks, fire pits, roaming performers and hayrides.

As such, Candy Cane Lane visitors will be required to enjoy the holiday lights and displays from the safety of their vehicle. Signs throughout the area will let visitors know that the sidewalks are closed to pedestrians. Residents may access the sidewalks in front of their homes.

We will rely on visitors to Candy Cane Lane to comply with the sidewalk closures. Should gatherings begin to occur on the sidewalks, it will become a public health matter, at which point Peace Officers, the Public Safety Compliance Team and AHS inspectors will be asked to step in. These guidelines will be enforced with \$1,000 fines.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these unprecedented times. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable Candy Cane Lane experience, and a very happy holiday season!