



## Covid 19 Occupancy Load Calculation

The information below is provided to assist businesses in calculating their occupancy load. This is a simplified version and does not take into account all the factors a Fire Inspector might use. It should however suffice to meet the Government of Alberta requirement.

The simplified calculation is the total usable space in M<sup>2</sup> of the area divided by:

Mercantile - 3.7

Office - 9.3

Personal Service - 4.6

For example if the usable space in an area is 100 M<sup>2</sup>, a store would use the mercantile factor and the calculation would be as follows:

$$100/3.7 = 27.02 > 27 \text{ people.}$$

Using the same usable area of 100M<sup>2</sup> for an office the calculation would be:

$$100/9.3 = 10.75 > 11 \text{ people}$$

For a Personal service the calculation would be:

$$100/4.6 = 21.73 > 22 \text{ people}$$

*Businesses in Counties with an enhanced status would only be allowed 25% of their Occupancy Load due to the Alberta Government restrictions.*

The following pictures are to give you an example space in determining the measurement of the usable area of your business.

