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Insights from the Pearson **Employment Area Pilot Zone**

Solving for the Reopening & Recovery of Business Districts

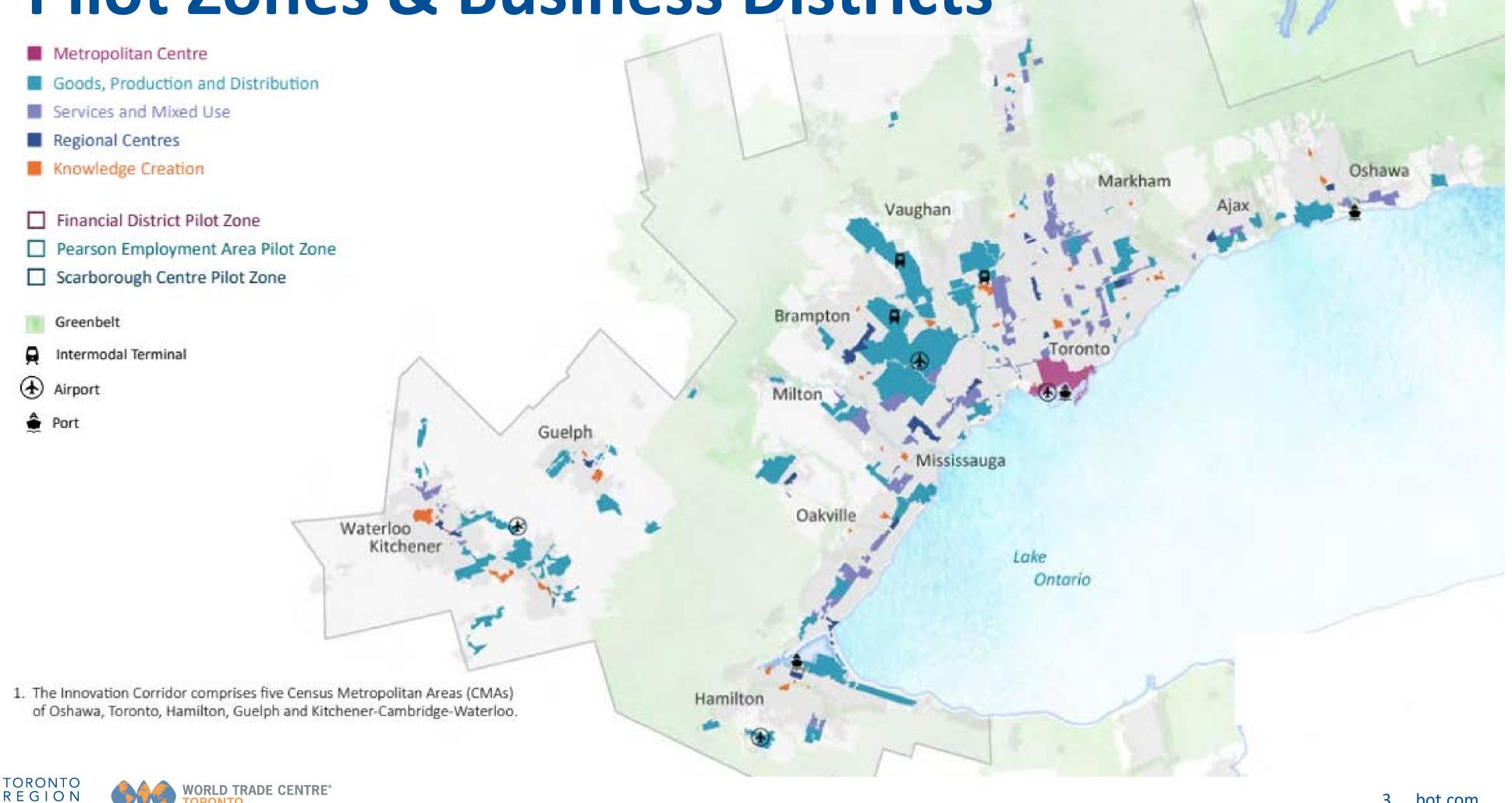
Over the course of the pandemic, businesses in the diverse economic areas across the Toronto region have faced many challenges.

Working alongside all levels of government, business leaders, and public health experts, we've created resources, guidelines and practical steps to help the business community reopen safely.





Pilot Zones & Business Districts



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Mitigations in the Pilot Zones

Safe District

Includes coordinated workplace policies and communication, exposure tracking, testing and vaccination.

Safe Travel

Includes measures in public transit, carpooling, and active transport.



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Safe Buildings

Includes workspace ventilation and air flow and air-quality monitoring technology.

Safe Workplaces

Includes worker spacing, cohorts, signage, training and communications.

Lessons from a year working through COVID-19

1.

COVID is a full-time job.

Change management takes energy, especially for HR, operations and management.

2.

Be responsive.

Watch for gaps and prepare to change procedures to adapt.

3.

Be open.

Maintain regular communication and be transparent with your staff.

Leadership is vital.

The responsibility for getting policies and procedures right must rest at every level.

ONGOING CHALLENGES

Maintaining mitigation measures & compliance

Vaccination access, uptake & HR policies



4.

Look beyond the workplace. Be aware of your employees' lives outside work and how they may impact their safety.

(e.g. living arrangements, travel, mental health, access to healthcare and vaccines)

Rapid testing program

Transitioning to "new normal"



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