

Starting Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Nova Scotia will be following province-wide restrictions. These updated restrictions will remain in effect until at least May 12<sup>th</sup>. The following restrictions are in place starting 8 am tomorrow:

### **Gatherings, schools and daycare**

- Nova Scotians can only gather indoors or outdoors with their household bubble, which is the people they live with
- households of two or less people can socialize with one or two others but they must be the same people for this two-week period
- no unnecessary travel between communities; a community is defined as where people typically access essential or necessary services or products
- all public and private schools are closed
- day cares will remain open, with the focus on providing service to those providing essential services or have no other child-care option; essential workers who need help to access childcare supports can contact [ECDSERVICES@Novascotia.ca](mailto:ECDSERVICES@Novascotia.ca) or call 1-877-223-9555

### **Masking**

- mandatory masking for staff, visitors and children over two years old in indoor child-care settings
- mandatory masking outdoors where physical distancing cannot be maintained, including playgrounds and parks
- in private indoor workplaces such as offices or warehouses, masks are mandatory in all common areas, places where there is interaction with the public, areas with poor ventilation, and areas where distance cannot be maintained

### **Retail and business**

- retail stores are closed for in-person service unless those stores provide services essential to the life, health or personal safety of individuals and animals. These stores can remain open at 25 per cent capacity and include those that provide:
  - food
  - pharmaceutical products, medicine and medical devices
  - personal hygiene products
  - cleaning products
  - baby and child products
  - gas stations and garages
  - computer and cellphone service and repair
  - electronic and office supplies
  - hardware supplies

- pet and animal supplies.
- restaurants and licensed establishments are closed for dine-in service, but contactless take-out or delivery is allowed
- Nova Scotia Liquor Commission stores can remain open at 25 per cent capacity
- personal services such as hair salons, barber shops and spas are closed
- regulated and unregulated health professions can remain open with an approved COVID-19 plan
- Casino Nova Scotia in Halifax and Sydney and First Nations gaming establishments and VLTs must close

### **Events, recreation, arts and culture**

- wedding and funeral ceremonies can have five people, plus officiants
- no social events, special events, festivals, arts/cultural events, sports events, faith gatherings, wedding receptions, or funeral visitation or receptions
- no meetings or training except mental health and addictions support groups, which can have 10 people with physical distancing and masks
- virtual gatherings and performances can be held with a maximum of five people in one location
- all fitness, recreational and sports facilities are closed
- licensed and unlicensed establishments cannot host activities such as darts, cards, pool and bowling
- indoor fitness facilities like gyms and yoga studios and sport and recreation facilities like pools, arenas, tennis courts and large multipurpose recreation facilities are closed
- businesses and organizations offering a wide variety of indoor recreation activities are closed, such as indoor play areas, arcades, climbing facilities, dance classes and music lessons
- outdoor recreation activities, including individual sports, are allowed and encouraged; outdoor fitness and recreation businesses and organized clubs can operate with a maximum of five people and physical distancing
- museums, libraries and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia are closed, but libraries can offer pick-up and drop-off of books and other materials

### **Long-term care/special care**

- there will be no visitors or volunteers allowed inside long-term care facilities except for designated care providers and no visits to the community
- all adult day programs for seniors closed
- all homes licensed by the Department of Community Service under the Homes for Special Care Act cannot have visitors and residents cannot have community access
- all adult day programs for persons with disabilities funded by the Department of Community Services will be closed except for scheduled vaccine clinics at three of these programs

People who do not follow the public health measures can be fined. For example, the fine is now \$2,000

for each person at an illegal gathering.

Stay home, stay safe, get tested, and get vaccinated.