

## NS Gov COVID-19 Update – March 17 # 2

Premier Stephen McNeil, chief medical officer of health Dr. Robert Strang, Nova Scotia Health Authority president and CEO Dr. Brendan Carr, and IWK Health Centre president and CEO Dr. Krista Jangaard provided an update earlier today, March 17. A recording of the news conference is available on the NS Gov Youtube page:<https://www.youtube.com/user/nsgov>

Details of additional measures announced to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Nova Scotia are outlined in the following news releases recently issued by the province, NSHA and IWK:

1. **Province's Bars to Close, Restaurants Limited to Take-out, Delivery as of Thursday; Gatherings Limited to 50 or Fewer Effective Immediately** – March 17, 2020  
Effectively immediately, there are to be no gatherings of more than 50 people.

The measures below come into effect at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, March 19:

- restaurants are restricted to take-out and delivery only and no in-person dining
- drinking establishments, winery and distillery tasting rooms and craft taprooms must close
- private liquor stores can continue to operate and craft breweries, wineries and distilleries can continue to sell their product from their storefronts

<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200317005>

2. **Closure of Access Nova Scotia and Registry of Motor Vehicle Offices, Deadline Extension** – March 17, 2020  
Access Nova Scotia and Registry of Motor Vehicle Offices are temporarily closing for one week starting Wednesday, March 18, to establish new ways of providing service to minimize contact between people.  
<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200317003>

**Fermeture des centres Accès Nouvelle-Écosse et des Bureaux des véhicules automobiles, report des dates d'expiration**

<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200317004>

3. **Many NSHA services reduced or suspended as part of COVID-19 response** - March 17, 2020  
Many Nova Scotia Health Authority services are being reduced or suspended until further notice as part of the effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 as well as to conserve and redeploy our resources in anticipation of increasing demand related to the pandemic.  
<http://www.nshealth.ca/news/many-nsha-services-reduced-or-suspended-part-covid-19-response>

4. **IWK Health Centre to suspend all non-urgent services - effective March 18<sup>th</sup>** -March 17, 2020

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the IWK Health Centre will be suspending all non-urgent services effective tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Dr. Krista Jangaard, IWK President & CEO, announced today.

<http://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/childrens-health/news>

5. **NSLC to reduce hours:**

<https://www.mynslc.com/en/About-NSLC/Media-Centre/News-Releases/NSLC-Adjusts-Store-Hours-Due-To-COVID-19>

As mentioned in the update sent at about 12:30 pm today, as of today, March 17, Nova Scotia has seven positive cases of COVID-19, including six presumptive cases and one confirmed case. The news release is available at: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200317001> and in French at <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200317002> .