



**Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office
Provincial Coordination Centre (PCC)
Daily Situation Report**

NSEMO PCC Situation Report - Protected A

PCC Contact information (0900-1700 Daily)

Primary Numbers:

<u>Bell Phone Sets</u>	<u>Eastlink Phone Sets</u>	<u>Satellite phones</u>	PCC monitoring Trunk Mobile Radio - EMO Alert Channel
1-902-424-1891	1-902-405-2205	1-613-980-5938	
1-902-424-1887	1-902-405-2236	1-613-980-5976	

Email: pcc@novascotia.ca

New information is in **bold type**.

Situation Report Number 29

Information valid as of **April 13, 2020 at 1600 hours**

Incident Name: Novel Coronavirus - COVID 19

- Lead Federal Agency: Public Health Agency of Canada
- Lead Provincial Agency: Department of Health and Wellness.
- Assisting Agency: NSEMO

Nova Scotia Provincial State of Emergency

- On March 22, the Province of Nova Scotia declared a state of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19. The first state of emergency was in effect for 14 days until noon today, April 5, 2020. Cabinet met by teleconference on April 2 and asked the Lieutenant Governor to extend the State of Emergency. The new order was approved and will be in effect from noon on April 5 until noon, Sunday, April 19.

Updated Health Protection Order by the Medical Officer of Health is available at:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/health-protection-act-order-by-the-medical-officer-of-health.pdf>

Declaration of Provincial State of Emergency: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200322001>

Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency

The Minister of Municipal Affairs has issued direction to municipalities requiring their meetings to be held by video or via telephone.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs has issued direction advising that no “in-person” annual general meetings can take place while the state of emergency is in effect, unless it can be done so in adherence to public health directives on social distancing.

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Ministers-direction-EMA-AGM.pdf>

General Description: Global

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) assessed COVID-19 as a pandemic.

This assessment by the WHO is not unexpected. Describing the situation as a pandemic does not change the WHO's assessment of the threat posed by COVID-19 and it does not change what the WHO is doing. It also does not change what countries around the world should do. For that reason, it does not change the approach we are taking in Canada.

Canada's public health system is prepared. Since the outset, the Public Health Agency of Canada - along with public health authorities at all levels of government across the country - have been working together to ensure that our preparedness and response measures are appropriate and adaptable, based on the latest science and the evolving situation.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Activated Emergency Operations Centres

National EOCs:

- The Government of Canada Operations Centre (GOC) remains activated at Level 3.
- Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) Health Portfolio Operations Centre activated to Level 3 (Partial Escalation) as of 04 Feb-2020.

Provincial EOCs:

- NSEMO Provincial Coordination Center - Level 3 (Full Activation).
- RCMP "H" Division DEOC - operating daily 0800-2000 hrs with overnight monitoring.

Current Level	Provincial Coordination Centre
	Level 1 – Monitoring
	Level 2 – Partial Activation
X	Level 3 – Full Activation

Municipal EOCs:

- **Region 1:** ECCs activated virtually.
- **Region 2:** ECCs activated virtually.
- **Region 3:** Halifax Regional Municipality EOC is activated virtually
- **Region 4:** ECCs activated virtually.

➤ **Region 5:** ECCs activated virtually.

Provincial/Territorial overview of EOC Activations and Declared States of Emergency.

Province / Territory	Activation Level	Declared an Emergency	Capital	Largest	Population
Ontario	Activated	Declared State of Emergency	Toronto		14,711,827
Quebec	Coordinated Provincial Response	Declared State of Emergency	Quebec City	Montreal	8,537,674
British Columbia	Activated	Declared State of Emergency	Victoria	Vancouver	5,110,917
Alberta	Level 3 Activation	Declared State of Emergency	Edmonton	Calgary	4,413,146
Manitoba	Level 1 - Routine Emergency	Declared State of Emergency	Winnipeg		1,377,517
Saskatchewan	Virtual Activation	Declared State of Emergency	Regina	Saskatoon	1,181,666
Nova Scotia	Level 3 - Full Activation	Declared State of Emergency	Halifax		977,457
New Brunswick	Level 3 - Full Activation	Declared State of Emergency	Fredericton	Moncton	779,993
Newfoundland and Labrador	Level 2 - Partial Activation	Declared Public Health Emergency	St. John's		521,365
Prince Edward Island	Level 2 - Partial Activation	Declared Public Health Emergency	Charlottetown		158,158
Northwest Territories	Level 3 - Full Activation	Declared State of Emergency	Yellowknife		44,904
Yukon	Level 2 - Partial Activation	Declared State of Emergency	Whitehorse		41,078
Nunavut	Coordinated Territorial Response	Declared Public Health Emergency	Iqaluit		39,097
Total Population					37,672,706

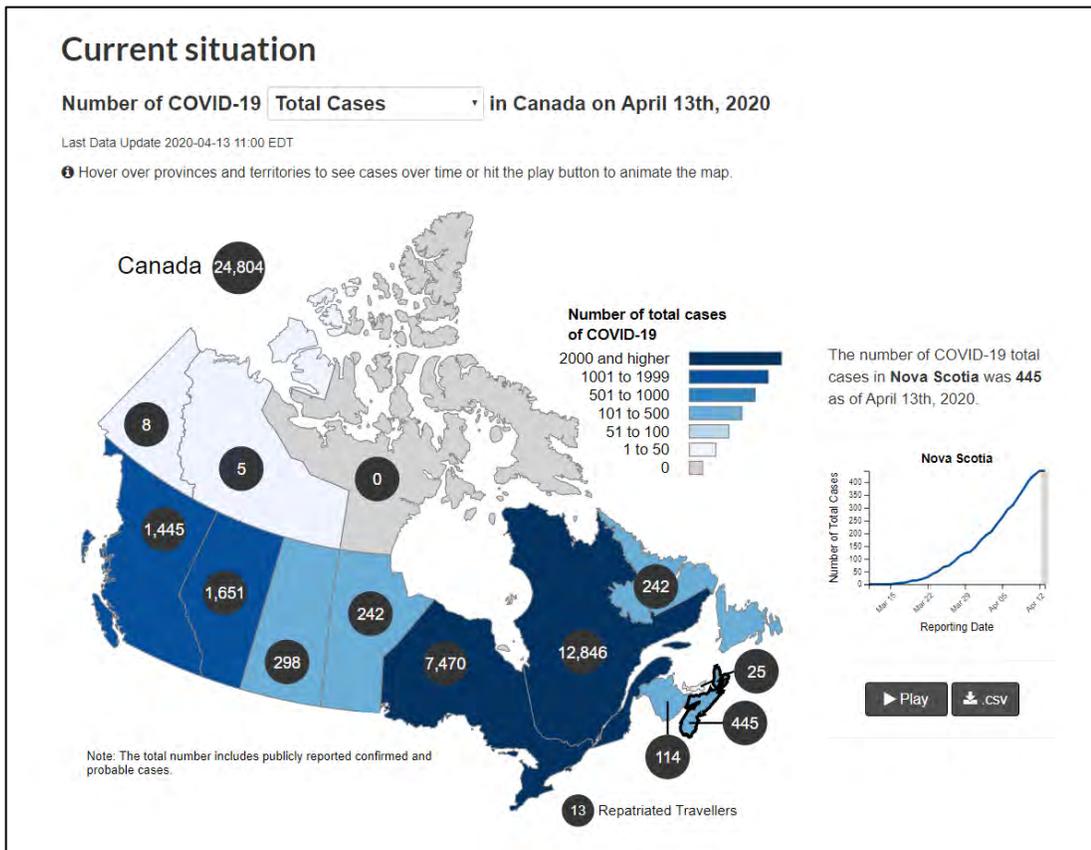
International COVID-19 Situation: WHO reports the number of global cases stands at 1,773,084



<https://who.sprinklr.com/> (Note: Website link changed as of April 7, 2020)

Canadian COVID-19 Situation:

- **Areas in Canada with cases of COVID-19 as of 11:00 hrs April 13, 2020 (Note: The number for Nova Scotia reflects the total for April 12, 2020)**



<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html?topic=tilelink>

Nova Scotia COVID-19 Situation:

- Nova Scotia has 474 confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of 13:00 hrs, April 13, 2020.
- Data Visualization for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Nova Scotia:

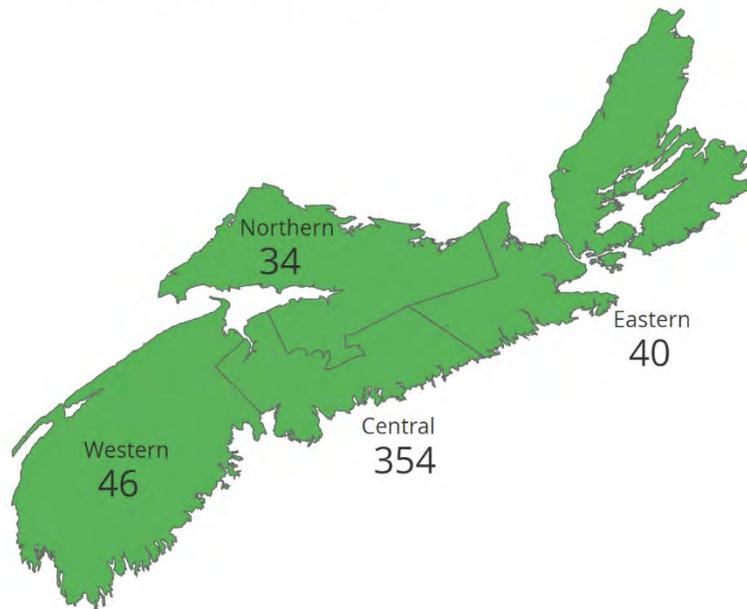
Positive tests for COVID-19 in Nova Scotia



Total number of positive tests by NSHA zone

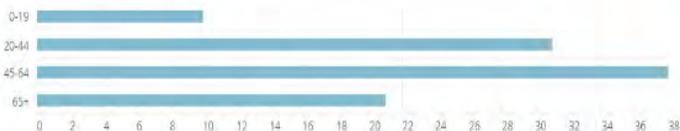
Current situation

New positive tests today	29
Total positive tests	474
Recoveries	101
Deaths	3
In hospital (non-ICU)	5
In hospital (ICU)	4
Total negative tests	15580



<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/data/>

Percentage of cases by age



Percentage of cases by gender



NSEMO Update

- The PCC is activated to Level 3 – Full Activation (0900-1700 daily)
- NSEMO issued a Civil Emergency alert using the Alert Ready system on April 10th, 2020. The content received by cellular and television read as follows:
 COVID-19 is deadly. Stop the spread now. STAY HOME.
 Only leave for essential groceries, prescriptions or medical appointments.
 Ignoring public health direction endangers lives.
 STAY HOME. Protect yourself and others.
novascotia.ca/coronavirus

- NSEMO continues to handle many inquiries regarding the State of Emergency.
- Active engagement with stakeholders is ongoing.
- Situational awareness development is ongoing.
- Planning in support of provincial government departments, municipalities and critical infrastructure partners is underway.
- Please note the following changes for future teleconferences starting Monday March 30th:
 - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays will be for Municipalities, CNS and Department of Health & Wellness.
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays will be for Provincial Departments, Federal Partners, CNS, and Department of Health & Wellness.
 - NSEMO will continue to chair all teleconferences.
- Phone calls to NSEMO's switchboard are now routing to voicemail during regular business hours. Partners contacting the PCC during operational hours should call one of the dedicated PCC phone numbers and not via the front desk due to phone tree changes. After hours calls to duty officers will continue as before.

Department of Health and Wellness

- **As of April 13, Nova Scotia has 474 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Twenty-nine new cases were identified Sunday, April 12.**
- **Nova Scotia has recorded its third death related to COVID-19. On Sunday, April 12, a male in his 80s in Halifax Regional Municipality died as a result of complications related to COVID-19.**
- **The QEII Health Sciences Centre's microbiology lab completed 947 Nova Scotia tests on Sunday, April 12 and is operating 24-hours.**
- While most cases in Nova Scotia have been connected to travel or a known case, there is now community spread. That is why travel has been removed as a requirement for testing for COVID-19.
- The list of symptoms being screened for has also expanded. If you have two or more of the following symptoms, visit <https://811.novascotia.ca/> to determine if you should call 811 for further assessment:
 - fever
 - new or worsening cough
 - sore throat
 - runny nose
 - headache
- **To date, Nova Scotia has 15,580 negative test results, 474 positive COVID-19 test results and three deaths. Confirmed cases range in age from under ten to over 90. Nine individuals are currently in hospital, four of those in ICU. One-hundred and one individuals have now recovered and their cases of COVID-19 are considered resolved. Cases have**

been identified in all parts of the province. A map and graphic presentation of the case data is available at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/data>

- There are 22 primary assessment centres in Nova Scotia: 21 operated by Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) and one operated by the IWK Health Centre, temporary primary assessment centres are operating in two communities
- Two mobile assessment centres are being established by NSHA to do community-based testing; Emergency Health Services operates two field assessment units, one in Halifax Regional Municipality and one in Cape Breton Regional Municipality
- Specific advice for businesses and working during COVID-19 can be found here: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/working-during-covid-19/>
- DHW continues to coordinate with the health system organization throughout this event.
- To help people who need additional supports, 211 launched a new service on Saturday, April 11 to connect people needing COVID-19 assistance with the Canadian Red Cross. The Red Cross will act as a navigator to link people to the services they need. In addition, the Red Cross will offer wellness check-ins for Nova Scotians who are isolated and experiencing loneliness and anxiety
- It is expected that organizations such as municipalities and critical infrastructure partners will follow-up with their local or regional linkages as required such as NSHA and EHS through their regional relationships.
- NSEMO/PPC staff who intercept a general inquiry, must emphasize the NS Gov website www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus, which is updated daily, as a starting point. If specific to public health guidelines, consult with their local public health office. Contact information for local offices can be found here: <http://www.nshealth.ca/public-health-offices>
- DHW has established an Agency Representative (ARep) as part of the PCC Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. Stacey Oxner can provide further clarification/advise as needed through pcc@novascotia.ca.

Communications Nova Scotia

- Please see the attached document for the CNS SitRep.

Department of Justice

- Given the increase in cases and public gatherings continuing, the Premier and Minister of Justice asked police to step up their responses from education to enforcement for those found not complying.
- All Departments and Divisions in Justice have implemented their Business Continuity Plans.
- Critical Business Functions and Services are being maintained.
- Staff are working from home where possible.
- Justice is operating their work sites in compliance with the Direction of Public Health (i.e. physical distancing, increased cleaning)

- The courts are hearing urgent and essential matters only at this time. All persons entering provincial courthouses are screened by Sheriffs.
- The Crown Attorneys and Legal Aid are collaborating with Correctional Services on reducing the number of persons in custody in the four provincial adult correctional facilities.
- Mental Health Initiatives, resources and personnel are available and have been communicated to staff.

RCMP

- 'H' Division RCMP COVID-19 DEOC is operating daily (0800-1600 hrs) and monitoring activities overnight/weekends.
- Fourteen RCMP employees are awaiting test results and are self-isolating.
- No cases of COVID-19 infection for RCMP employees have been reported.
- RCMP has adopted 'social distancing' measures, including the temporary closure of front counter service to the public. The public may still call the detachments directly.
- OCC operators/Dispatchers are including COVID related questions when taking calls for service to assist in risk mitigation for responding members.
- Front line policing operations continue with adequate resources in place.
- Telework options have been implemented where operationally feasible.
- REACT Teams have been identified and equipped for deployment should a detachment or unit require resource support due to COVID-19 impacts.
- RCMP have issued 69 Summary Offence tickets to date under the Health Protection Act and Emergency Management Act.
- OCC reported that on April 11, 2020, 23% of their calls were COVID related.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Police are aware (and continue to monitor) an annual canoe trip in the Clare area (upwards of 1000+ people, annual event since 1973) that occurs during the Easter long weekend. Although media advisories have been issued directing people not to attend, there is some indication on social media that people still plan on participating. Additional police resources have been identified to assist Meteghan detachment with intervention and enforcement if required.

Dept of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Municipal Advisors)

Municipal Advisors

- Many municipal offices are closed or reducing public access in alignment with DHW recommendations relating to reducing transmission risks of COVID-19.

- Municipal Advisors are in regular contact with their municipal partners to address questions stemming from the current COVID 19 event and related municipal business.
- DMAH grants staff are working with municipalities to adjust document submission deadlines impacted by the COVID 19 response.

Program Staff

- DMAH program staff are working with provincial community organizations and our federal Reaching Home homelessness partner, AHANS, Public Health and HRM to address needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Staff forwarding information from Public Health to homeless shelters across the province.
- For communities/municipalities outside of HRM and Sydney, staff have discussed with AHANS (Reaching Home- fed funding), Income Assistance and various community partners the need to develop plans for individuals experiencing homelessness, including youth 16 – 18 years old. Until Reaching Home funding is available, individual situations are dealt with on a case by case basis.
- Staff reduced the check-in calls with HRM shelters to every 2nd day and keeping in contact with other shelters outside HRM.
- The three (3) pop-up shelters in HRM are open to ensure established shelters can comply with CMOH social distancing directives. Staff compliment is increasing to assist with the operational coordination of the sites.
- In CBRM, Cape Breton Community Housing Association (CBCHA) have relocated their women/trans guests to a separate building.
- Releases from correctional facilities and court for individuals with no address/accommodations are resulting in increased requests for shelter beds in both HRM and Sydney.
 - Senior staff discussed concerns with DoJ. The availability of shelter beds throughout the province for individuals being released from remand who do not have an address is a concern.
 - Elizabeth Fry Society in HRM submitted a proposal to DMAH, DCS and Reaching Home seeking funding for supportive housing. Proposal being reviewed.
 - April 9, 2020 a meeting was held to discuss releases from Provincial Correctional Centers; chaired by DOJ.
- PPE (masks, gloves) and sanitizer still being requested to support safe shelter operation – order forwarded to Manager, Business Continuity Program. Some are looking at using masks and gloves even though Public Health advice has not changed - handwashing, cleaning and social distancing.
- In response to shelters inability to provide isolation space for those awaiting test results or if they test positive, Public Health (NSHA) have supported individuals, on a case by case basis, with the cost of a motel room and meals. Ongoing discussions on the need for isolation spaces is occurring.
- Shelter EDs requested for homeless shelters to be included as essential services to avoid staff shortages. Result: Homeless Shelters added to the website *Does your job, business or organization fit into any of these categories?*

- Staff received a copy of a letter from Unifor from the ED of the Cape Breton Shelter

Dept. of Education and Early Childhood Development

- EECD is working with its education partners to ensure ongoing learning support for students during this time, with the focus initially on those students who are in their grade 12 year and planning to graduate in June. More details and communication will be coming soon.
- Schools will remain closed until May 1, 2020. A further assessment will be done at that time to determine whether to extend the closure.
- Daily leadership conference calls continue with the Department and Regions.
- All Grade primary to 9 students will receive at-home learning packages distributed bi-weekly. Students in grades 10 to 12 who require at-home learning packages will work with their individual teachers to address their specific needs.
- In addition to e-learning/online learning, approximately 340,000 packages will be home delivered as a no tech option for students and families. The packages will also be available online.
- The package is available at <https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/parentfamily-information> and via Saltwire's flyer packages.
- EECD is recommending at home learning time for students of different ages:
 - 5 hours per week for elementary students
 - 10 hours per week for junior high students
 - 3 hours per course per week for high school students

Service Nova Scotia-Internal Services – Business Continuity Management Program

- Provincial BCM Coordinators Check-ins have been rescheduled.
- The Incident Risk Register has been updated and top risks forwarded to SOT for mitigation.
- Top Risks are:
 - Compliance with state of emergency order on social distancing.
 - Childcare services suspension impacting 24x7 operations.
 - Supports for business continuity plans being sustainable in the long term.
- Ongoing training on the COVID-19 business continuity plan has been scheduled.
- We have a first government case reported of COVID19, the business continuity plan for COVID19 has been updated with new guidance.
- On demand ongoing training on business continuity planning continues for departments.
- A Senior Officials Table has been created to support corporate wide impacts and risks.
- The top priority is employee safety and sustainability of business continuity plans.
- The form for PPE requests is being updated.

- The COVID19 BCM SharePoint site is being updated to support Local Incident Commanders, BCM Coordinators and their Senior Official.
- The existing PPE list needs to be reviewed for consistency – this will be actioned this week.

Department of Agriculture

- NSDA has been working to secure the food supply in the chicken and dairy sectors. Surges in sales were followed by the most recent week of distribution bottle necks and consumer purchasing contestants at retail. The province is more than self-sufficient in production and processing of both these products.
- We continue to work closely with the agriculture industry, ensuring it can function unimpeded while respecting provincial and federal directives. Regarding our Department, we continue to review our business continuity and align our operations with Government priorities.

Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

- Continuing to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 and implement provincial directives.
- We continue to align our operations and business continuity with this evolving situation, noting the new exemptions in public health order for fisheries and seafood production. Our department will continue to work closely with industry and other regulators in recognition of this sector's essential role in food production. Effective communication of the exemption to enforcement officials is essential to allow the industry to continue to operate unimpeded. This applies to the borders where goods and people will need to cross and also at seafood harvesting, processing and aquaculture workplaces.

Department of Seniors

- Working closely with Community Links and Seniors' Safety Programs across the province to mobilize support services following yesterday's announcement of emergency funding to provide supports for vulnerable older Nova Scotians.
- We have received reports that some SSPs are getting calls from people who need food delivered with the cancellation of Meals on Wheels services in their communities.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR)

- TIR operations is functioning normally.
- The winter shoulder season has started with year-round staff remaining and winter staff going on layoff.
- Cobequid Pass crews remain on winter standby schedule until the end of April.
- Year-round staff and casual winter operators (spares) are available for callout to address snow and ice control as needed.
- TIR will activate, under normal shoulder season conditions, as necessary to address snow and ice control or other emergency events.
- There are no delays or extensions to the expiration of MVIs.

Department of Community Services

- Department of Community Services (DCS) has activated an ICC (Incident Command Center) that operates daily from 0800 to 1600 hours.
- Besides addressing critical functions based on BCP's, the objectives of the ICC are enhanced program support for clients and providers, and communication to public and clients regarding updates. At this point DCS is not seeking assistance from other departments or jurisdiction.

Energy and Mines

- Continuing to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 and implement provincial directives; most DEM staff are working remotely (90%+)
- We continue to align our operations and business continuity planning and are actively engaged with our industry partners. We continue to field questions and issues from industry on how exemptions apply/do not apply to them, specifically from the offshore (CNSOPB) and mining sector. We are involved in federal discussions on Critical Infrastructure given the importance of the Energy and Utilities sector.

Canadian Red Cross

- On Saturday, April 11th, the Red Cross began accepting case files uploaded from 211 for follow up as part of an Emergency Social Services support program in partnership with the Department of Community Services. Anyone referred to the Red Cross will be contacted and supported through internal programming (Safety and Wellbeing) or through other referrals, based on resources provided by DCS.
- With respect to wellness check-ins: families and individuals will still need to contact 211 who will then escalate to Red Cross for follow up.
- All Canadian Red Cross offices are closed to the public effective March 18th, 2020. Currently working on alternatives for individuals requiring healthcare equipment. Buildings remain open to volunteers and staff. Closure of offices does not impact the ability of the Canadian Red Cross to respond to emergencies and disasters in Nova Scotia.
- Personnel have been provided direction on maintaining social distancing and have been provided educational materials related to using and disposing of PPE.
- In the event of a larger response that requires establishing reception centres and/or shelters, discussion with municipal and provincial authorities will be required.
- The Canadian Red Cross is willing and able to respond to all levels of disaster during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last week, the Red Cross has provided assistance to individuals and families involved in house fires in Yarmouth and Truro and in two apartment fires in Sydney.
- New response protocols that ensure the safety of personnel and beneficiaries are in place. These include being able to register beneficiaries remotely/virtually, the availability and training for appropriate use of PPE, and an additional modality for delivering direct aid (electronic funds transfer).
- A discussion is ongoing with the Dept. of Community Services, HRM EMO and CBRM EMO to review protocols where, in 'normal' circumstances, a Red Cross reception centre and/or shelter would be required.

Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM)

- OFM staff continue minimizing their contact with the public.
- OFM is working closely with clients to support them in their individual efforts.

Department of Environment

- All NSE offices are currently operating and they have compressed hours for public access. All NSE program areas are currently functioning. NSE has completed a review of critical priorities to ensure program delivery moving forward through this event. Critical priorities for NSE include COVID-19 support, human consumption issues (food, air, water); waste (wastewater and solid waste); and emergency response.
- Members of NSE's Inspection, Compliance & Enforcement (ICE) Division with support from the Sustainability & Applied Science (SAS) Division, and Policy Division, working under directives from the Medical Officer of Health, continue to provide information regarding COVID-19 MoH directives, including requirements for self-isolation, to travelers at Nova Scotia airports, all land crossing borders and all marine borders.
- Sustainability & Applied Science (SAS) Division has on-going liaison with OCMOH and NSHA to provide critical support as directed.

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

- Eskasoni First Nation and Pictou Landing First Nations have each declared a State of Emergency which includes closing borders and curfews. ISC indicates essential service providers and deliveries will not be barred from using these roads. Any vehicle which is simply driving through may be escorted to the other side of the First Nation, as in the case of the Eskasoni First Nation. There may be checkpoints, but traffic will not be prevented from lawfully using these roads.
- First Nation medical centers have reported a requirement for PPE and other equipment.

Joint Task Force Atlantic (Canadian Forces)

- The Minister of National Defence has announced that the Canadian Armed Forces is prepared to respond to the Nation-wide COVID-19 crises. As always, the practice of identifying your needs and communicating them to the PCC is the best way to get help when you need it.
- If there are any questions about support from the military, they may be sent to the PCC.

Parks Canada

- Kejimikujik and Cape Breton Highlands are closed to all vehicle access effective 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 until further notice.
- The Cabot Trail (Highway 30) in Cape Breton Highlands remains open for thru traffic only.
- All day-use facilities, including lookoffs and outhouses, are closed until further notice.
- All activities such as angling and camping will be delayed until further notice.
- The vast majority of staff are working from home.

- In-park emergency response capacity (including wildfire) is limited.

Nova Scotia Power

- Measures being taken to provide immediate relief to residential and small business customers who are struggling to pay their electricity bill include:
 - Suspending disconnections for nonpayment for at least 90 days,
 - Relaxing payment timelines,
 - Waiving penalties and fees on unpaid bills, and
 - Providing flexible options for bill payments.
- Nova Scotia Power encourages customers who need assistance to contact the Customer Care Team for personal assistance at 1-800-428-6230 and through online tools at www.nspower.ca
- For storm preparation and safety tips visit www.nspower.ca/stormready
- During a storm – and for the duration of the pandemic – we’re reminding the public to stay at least two metres (six feet) from our crews so they can do their jobs safely.

Bell Aliant

- Emergency centre is activated. Most employees working from home.
- Bell explained that the teleconferencing issue is a 1-800 issue. Where possible, it is suggested that a local number be used for teleconference. An ETR will be communicated ASAP.

Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline

- Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline continues to monitor the situation. Field personnel are using modified work protocols to reduce interactions in the field, but all Emergency Response capabilities remain in place. Offices in Halifax are closed, and all office employees are equipped and working from home.

Heritage Gas

- The Heritage Gas office is closed, and all office employees are equipped and working from home. Field personnel are using modified work protocols to reduce interactions in the field, but all Emergency Response capabilities remain in place.

Marine Atlantic

- The sailing schedule is being maintained.
- Marine Atlantic is now operating at Level Two of the Pandemic Response Plan.
- Customers are questioned at check-in to determine suitability to travel.
- Social distancing is being practiced on board.
- For current sailing schedule and information please visit www.marineatlantic.ca.

Halifax Stanfield International Airport

- COVID-19: Nova Scotia has declared a State of Emergency. All travellers who leave the province are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon their return. We continue to work with our government partners to ensure the health and safety of our passengers, visitors and employees. Learn more: www.halifaxstanfield.ca/coronavirus.
- **Several arrivals and departures cancelled today...see link below.**

<https://halifaxstanfield.ca/flight-information/departures/>

J.A. Douglas McCurdy – Sydney Airport

- For cancellation information visit <http://www.sydneypairport.ca/>
- All Air Canada services to/from Sydney are suspended until May 31, 2020. Refer to following website: <http://www.sydneypairport.ca/content/coronavirus-covid-19-yqy-updates>
- **WestJet: Daily service to Halifax continues to operate, however, changes can occur with short notice. Passengers are asked to contact WestJet for the latest flight information**
- Notices have been put up to remind international travelers of the requirement of the 14-day quarantine period.
- Please refer to the following website for flight times: <http://www.sydneypairport.ca/>

Maritime Bus

- Maritime Bus has reduced frequency from 7 days a week to Monday, Wednesday, Friday. The trips per day have been reduced as well.
- Please see the following link to their online schedule: <https://maritimebus.com/change-in-service/>

Halifax Transit

- **Effective Monday, April 13, 2020, Halifax Transit is implementing additional COVID-19 related safety measures to reduce the spread of the disease that will significantly reduce capacity.**
- Refer to the following website for details <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/coronavirus>

Cape Breton Transit

- Saturday service is limited, and Sunday service is cancelled until further notice.
- Refer to the following website for further details: <http://cbrm.ns.ca/transit.html>

Kings Transit Authority

- Bus service in Kings and Annapolis counties is suspended until further notice.

Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office - Regional Updates

Region 1



Summary:

- Municipal ECC are operating virtually with key personnel.
- EMC's and EMPO maintain regular daily communication and conference calls will be arranged as needed.

Current Situation Since Last Report:

- Municipalities continue to adjust BCP's.
- Municipalities have increased communication lines with elected officials, staff and stakeholders to assist with long term planning.
- Council meetings will be conducted by virtual means.
- All new questions have been forwarded to the PCC, answers have been provided for most and awaiting on the remainder.
- Municipalities have completed the new PPE survey.
- All EMC's were advised of the Public Alert Message.

Planned Actions

- Continue to meet and discuss long term planning (BCP).
- Maintain public messaging strategy.
- Continue to share information from NS Gov/DHW releases.

Region 2



Summary:

- No municipal ECC's have been operationally activated. however, all are operating virtually with key personnel. EMC's and EMPO maintain regular daily communications and now have prescheduled conference calls.

Current Situation Since Last Report:

- Municipalities continue to stay closed to the public.
- Municipalities continue to communicate with key stakeholders.
- EMC's and Region 2 continue daily communication.
- EMC's will continue to examine PPE.

Planned Actions:

- Municipalities continue to maintain public messaging strategy.
- Municipalities continue to share information from NS Gov/DHW releases.
- Municipalities continue to adjust BCP plans as necessary.
- **Municipalities were contacted today to reach out to their agencies to inspect all PPE before use or distribution.**

Critical Issues Current or Projected:

- Concerns expressed regarding open land border access posing risks on rural communities in the Region.
- Critical Public Works staff short on PPE and Cleaning Supplies. Minimal local supplies available.
- Municipalities require clarity and support around the use ATVs.

- Concerns raised by affected municipalities on the decision not to provide a Variance on the Solid Waste collection.
- **Municipal concerns over recreational boat launching at public launch areas.**
- **Municipality concern of out-of-province residents coming across border to go to their cottage in NS.**
- **Municipalities to confirm if Red Cross is still able to assist if a mandatory evacuation is necessary for a flood, fire, etc.**

Region 3



Summary:

- HRM EOC is operating virtually.

Current Situation Since Last Report

- HRM EOC is now virtual and will remain so throughout.
- Will be sending more mass notification messages out from HRM due to citizens still going to parks and trails. Issues raised on ATV use on rural trails.
- Waiting for info from Feed NS as to where the numbers are required for distribution.
- Request for shelter in the Sackville area.
- Concerned with out of province persons coming to NS this weekend to open cottages, cabins etc.
- Awaiting answer on shelter request for Sackville.
- Seeking assistance in childcare issues for essential personnel.

Region 4



Summary:

- No municipal ECC's have been operationally activated. However, most are operating virtually with key personnel. EMC's and EMPO maintain regular daily communications and now have prescheduled conference calls.

Situation Since Last Report:

- Municipalities continue to stay closed to the public.
- Municipalities continue to communicate with key stakeholders.
- EMC's and Region 4 continue daily communication.
- Municipalities continue to asses mask inventories

Planned Actions:

- Municipalities continue to maintain public messaging strategy.
- Municipalities continue to share information from NS Gov/DHW releases.
- Municipalities continue to adjust BCP plans as necessary.
- Municipalities reminded to report CI issues as soon as the become aware of them.
- Municipalities have increased public messaging of Fire Ban requirements
- Municipalities waiting on direction regarding asks from PH regarding supporting COVID+ individuals housed in motels

Critical Issues Current or Projected:

- Concerns expressed regarding open land border access posing risks on rural communities in the Region.
- Critical Public Works staff short on PPE and Cleaning Supplies. Minimal local supplies available.
- Municipalities require clarity and support around the use of ATV's. Allowing their use is causing increased unnecessary risk to first responders. The issues are stemming outside of Provincial or Public trail use.
- Municipalities requesting a FAQ section on the NovaScotia.ca/Coronavirus website for easier navigation for them and the public.

Region 5



Summary:

- EMCs are engaged and virtually communicating with NSEMO, CAOs and key municipal staff daily. Meetings are through VTC/Teleconference.
- All municipal offices are closed to the public. One ECC is virtually open.

Planned Actions:

- Some municipalities have offered their own funding relief program to non-profit and small business sector.
- Municipality of the District of Lunenburg donated \$10,000 to local food banks.
- Enforcing the provincial Fire Ban has increased calls to some local fire depts. Alternate approaches are being explored to limit public exposure of fire fighters (phone calls, drive by of one member to talk to the individual and/or escalate to the DLF Forestry Technician).
- First responder PPE has been delivered. The PPE use is being monitored to report shortages.
- Municipalities continue to maintain public messaging strategy to promote Health Protection Protocols.
- Municipalities continue to adjust BCP plans as necessary, to include cross-training between municipalities.
- Some municipal offices have decided to follow the provincial school decision and will remain closed until May 1, others are following the SOE date, April 19. All will re-adjust as the situation updates.

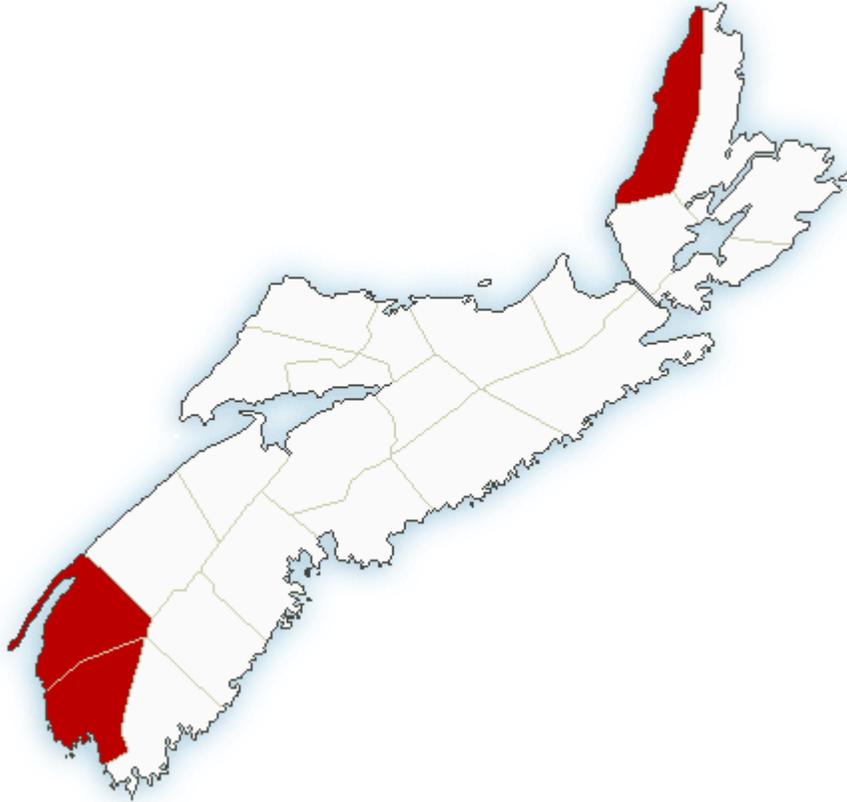
Critical Issues Current or Projected:

- Local law enforcement continues to enforce social gathering protocol orders.
- Concerns raised about students who may be missing out because they can't access breakfast/lunch programs typically provided during the schools.
- Requesting guidelines on how vulnerable people and volunteers can remain safe while still supporting one another.
- Requesting information about provincial boat launches and moorings.
- **Public Health has reached out to EMCs to request logistical assistance with individual positive COVID-19 cases who require**

quarantine outside of the home.

Environment Canada

Public weather alerts for Nova Scotia:



Location	Warning	Watch	Statement
Digby County	Wind		
Inverness County - Mabou and north	Les Suêtes wind		
Yarmouth County	Wind		

Weather Summary

- A cold front will sweep across NS tonight bringing strong winds, rain and mild temperatures.
- Pockets of heavy downpours likely tonight.
- Rainfall amounts 15-25 mm along the Atlantic Coast...up to 35 mm over southwest NS
- Strong south to southeast winds possibly gusting in excess of 90 km/h in some areas.
- More details available in the weather briefing package that was produced this morning.
- No significant weather expected for the rest of the week.

Potential Impacts

- Some utility outages likely tonight.
- Hazardous driving conditions tonight.
- Localized flooding also possible in poor-drainage areas.
- No significant weather impacts expected beyond Tuesday morning.

Current Weather Alerts for Nova Scotia

https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=ns

Current detailed forecast for Nova Scotia

https://weather.gc.ca/forecast/public_bulletins_e.html?Bulletin=fpcn11.cwhx

Current conditions for Nova Scotia:

https://weather.gc.ca/provincialssummary_table/index_e.html?prov=ns&page=hourly

LINKS:

- The most recent press releases are available at: http at: <https://novascotia.ca/news/>
- Public Safety Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en.html>
- Community-based measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 in Canada. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html>
- Risk-informed decision-making for mass gatherings during COVID-19 global outbreak: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assesment.html>
- [Canadian Crisis Services Canada, a national chat/text support line that assists individuals with concerns around distress, crisis, and suicide prevention:](http://www.crisisservicescanada.ca/)
- Online assessment tool for businesses to determine if they can stay open during State of Emergency: <https://covid19-employer-assessment.novascotia.ca/en>. This is an online tool that businesses can use. All businesses must follow Public Health directives - no gatherings of more than five, clean twice a day, social distancing of 2 metres or 6 feet and isolation if required.

Courses:

- The World Health Organization (WHO) is offering real-time training to support effective preparedness and response during global emergencies. The Open WHO online open courses for COVID-19 provide learning resources for health professionals, decision-makers and the public with new resources added as the pandemic continues to evolve.
- Courses include:
- [Operational Planning Guidelines to Support Country Preparedness and Response](https://openwho.org/courses/UNCT-COVID19-preparedness-and-response-EN)
- <https://openwho.org/courses/UNCT-COVID19-preparedness-and-response-EN>
- [Infection Prevention and Control](https://openwho.org/courses/COVID-19-IPC-EN)
- <https://openwho.org/courses/COVID-19-IPC-EN>
- [Acute Respiratory Infections \(ARIs\) and basic hygiene measures to protect against infection](https://openwho.org/courses/COVID-19-IPC-EN)
- <https://openwho.org/courses/COVID-19-IPC-EN>
- [Clinical Care Severe Acute Respiratory Infection](https://openwho.org/courses/severe-acute-respiratory-infection)
- <https://openwho.org/courses/severe-acute-respiratory-infection>
- [Emerging respiratory viruses, including COVID-19: methods for detection, prevention, response and control](https://openwho.org/courses/severe-acute-respiratory-infection)

➤ <https://openwho.org/courses/introduction-to-ncov>

AFTER ACTION REPORTING:

Please send all observations to EMOLessonsLearned@novascotia.ca

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Group C - Provincial & Federal Agency Representatives

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Group E - Critical Infrastructure Partners

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Emergency Management Related Acronyms

AREP	Agency Representative (Representative from federal, provincial, municipal governments, and critical infrastructure partners)
BEM	Basic Emergency Management (training course)
BCM	Business Continuity Management
CCEMO	Canadian Council of Emergency Management Organizations
CI	Critical Infrastructure
DEPO	No longer used, replaced with term: AREP
DFAA	Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangement (federal funding for total damages exceeding \$3 million)
ECC	Emergency Coordination Centre
EM	Emergency Management
EMC	Emergency Management Coordinators (municipal staff)
EMPO	Emergency Management Preparedness Officers
EOC	Emergency Operation Centre
ICS	Incident Command System
IEMG	International Emergency Management Group
JTFA	Joint Task Force Atlantic

LSOE	Local State of Emergency
PCC	Provincial Coordination Centre (located at NS EMO)
PIO	Public Information Officer
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Point (911 call centres)
PSAT	Public Safety Anti-Terrorism (provincial committee comprised of Deputy Ministers chaired by the Department of Justice)
PSC	Public Safety Canada
PSOE	Provincial Statement of Emergency
REMO	Regional Emergency Management Organization (group of municipalities)
SA	Situational Awareness
SAR	Search and Rescue
SMEs	Subject Matter Experts
SOREM	Senior Officials Responsible for Emergency Management (national committee comprised of representatives from federal, provincial and territorial governments)