

Repeal of All Special Measures Order

Made pursuant to Section 28 of the Public Health Protection and Promotion Act

March 14, 2022

TO: All individuals and businesses operating in Newfoundland and Labrador

WHEREAS:

- A. While a declaration of a public health emergency is in effect, the Chief Medical Officer of Health may do one or more of the special measures authorized under section 28 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act** for the purpose of protecting the health of the population and preventing, remedying or mitigating the effects of the public health emergency;
- B. On March 18, 2020, the Minister of Health and Community Services, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, declared:
 - (i) a public health emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - (ii) the public health emergency is in effect for the entire province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and
 - (iii) the public health emergency is in effect for a period of 14 days effective immediately;
- C. The public health emergency has been extended for 14-day intervals since initially declared, with the most recent extension effective March 8, 2022;
- D. The Minister of Health and Community Services, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, pursuant to subsection 27(5) of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**, may cancel a public health emergency declaration or vary the period of the declaration where the public health emergency no longer exists or is no longer required to protect the health of the population;
- E. The Minister of Health and Community Services has declared that the public health emergency is cancelled effective March 14, 2022 at 12:01 a.m.;
- F. The Chief Medical Officer of Health, pursuant to subsection 28(2) of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**, may provide notice in any manner that can reasonably be expected to give actual notice;

G. The Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, pursuant to section 28 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**, made the following Special Measures Orders which are currently still in effect:

- Special Measures Order (Activities and Gatherings Restrictions – Updated February 28, 2022) effective February 28, 2022;
- Special Measures Order (Proof of Vaccination Status – Updated October 21, 2021) (Deferral and Definitions Amendment) effective December 15, 2021;
- Special Measures Order (Proof of Vaccination Status – Updated October 21, 2021) (Religious and Faith Based Organizations Amendment) effective February 28, 2022;
- Special Measures Order (Re-Opening – Masks – Step 2 Updated September 18, 2021) effective September 18, 2021;
- Special Measures Order (Re-Opening – Masks – Step 2- Updated September 18, 2021) (Amendment) effective November 1, 2021; and
- Special Measures Order (Re-Opening – Masks – Step 2) effective August 10, 2021;

H. The Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Rosann Seviour, pursuant to section 28 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**, made the following Special Measures Order which is currently still in effect:

- Special Measures Order (Proof of Vaccination Status – Updated October 21, 2021) effective October 22, 2021;

I. The Chief Medical Officer of Health believes that special measures under section 28 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act** are no longer required to protect the health of the population,

Pursuant to section 28 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**, **I, Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, Chief Medical Officer of Health HEREBY ORDER:**

1. Special Measures Order (Activities and Gatherings Restrictions – Update February 28, 2022) effective February 28, 2022 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
2. Special Measures Order (Proof of Vaccination Status – Updated October 21, 2021) effective October 22, 2021 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

3. Special Measures Order (Proof of Vaccination Status – Updated October 21, 2021) (Deferral and Definitions Amendment) effective December 15, 2021 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
4. Special Measures Order (Proof of Vaccination Status – Updated October 21, 2021) (Religious and Faith Based Organizations Amendment) effective February 28, 2022 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
5. Special Measures Order (Re-Opening – Masks – Step 2 - Updated September 18, 2021) effective September 18, 2021 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
6. Special Measures Order (Re-Opening – Masks – Step 2 - Updated September 18, 2021) (Amendment) effective November 1, 2021 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
7. Special Measures Order (Re-Opening – Masks – Step 2) effective August 10, 2021 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

1. This Repeal of All Special Measures Order is effective as of 12:01 a.m. on March 14, 2022.

Signed at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 10th day of March 2022.



Dr. Janice Fitzgerald
Chief Medical Officer of Health