Together.Again. Reopening Newfoundland and Labrador

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Newfoundland Labrador

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The **Together Again** Plan provides Newfoundlanders and Labradorians with an overview of the phased approach that will be taken as we start to lift long-term public health measures. As we reopen Newfoundland and Labrador to increased social and economic activity and welcome travellers to the province, movement between steps will be based on:

- **1** Continued success of the COVID-19 Immunization Plan, particularly in vulnerable populations;
- **2** Evidence that vaccines are effective in reducing hospitalizations and deaths in people who are vaccinated;
- **3** Controlled spread of COVID-19, including COVID-19 variants of concern;
- 4 Ability to test, trace and isolate all cases (public health capacity); and
- 5 Health system readiness to handle any surge in COVID-19 cases.

The plan, including projected timelines, is subject to change based on these factors.







Newfoundland and Labrador has enjoyed relatively low levels of COVID-19 activity and, consequently, has relaxed public health measures since April 2020. Areas for further relaxation in the plan include the following:

- **1** Opening the province to travel;
- **2** Relaxing restrictions for business and service operations; and
- **3** Increasing capacity for recreational activities and gatherings.

Businesses and workplaces are expected to have operational plans in place to support compliance with COVID-19 protocols. While businesses will not be required to submit these plans for approval (unless otherwise noted), they may be requested to present them for inspection by a Digital Government and Service NL Environmental Health Officer.



Alert Level System

The COVID-19 Alert Level System will continue to be used throughout this plan as needed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in our communities. We may move up or down Alert Levels as needed. Community-level approaches will be taken wherever possible.







Transition: June 15 to July 1

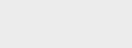
Newfoundlanders and Labradorians will see select public health measures start to lift on June 15 as we enter the Transition Phase.

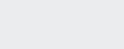
Your responsibility:

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- Wear a non-medical mask in indoor public spaces.
- Maintain physical distancing from others.
- If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, isolate away from others and get tested.
- Get two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, once available to you.

Activities	What you can do
Formal Gatherings	 Outdoor gatherings up to 150 people with physical distancing. Community fireworks, parades and outdoor ceremonial events are permitted with physical distancing.
Personal Gatherings	 Outdoor personal gatherings up to 30 people. Indoor personal gatherings limited to a household and their Steady 20.
Recreational Activities	 Outdoor sports tournaments permitted as part of Return to Play Plans.
Offices and Workplaces	Begin gradual return to offices and workplaces.





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Step 1 as early as July 1

The criteria for Step 1 are:

- About 75 per cent of people ages 12 years and older are vaccinated with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine; AND
- Low COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations.

Your responsibility:

- Wear a non-medical mask in indoor public spaces.
- Maintain physical distancing from others.
- If you develop COVID-19 symptoms isolate away from others and get tested.
- Get two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, once available to you.

Activities What you can do

Travel	 Non-essential travel from within Canada permitted. Fully vaccinated Canadians have no testing or self-isolation requirements. Partially vaccinated Canadians must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result administered within three days of their departure date, or self-isolate following arrival until receipt of a negative test result. Unvaccinated Canadians must self-isolate for 14 days following arrival. Mixed groups of vaccinated and unvaccinated adult travellers follow the rules for unvaccinated travellers. Vaccinated adults travelling with unvaccinated children under the age of 12 years follow the rules applicable to the adults' vaccination status. Newfoundlanders and Labradorians returning home from out-of-province travel will be required to follow the rules above according to their vaccination status.







Travel	Rotational Workers and Essential Workers
	 Fully and partially vaccinated rotational workers coming from non- outbreak sites follow the rules above for Canadian travellers. Fully and partially vaccinated rotational workers coming from outbreak sites are tested upon arrival and self-isolate until receipt of a negative test result. Fully and partially vaccinated essential workers follow the rules above for Canadian travellers. Unvaccinated workers follow current testing and isolation protocols.
Formal Gatherings	 Outdoor gatherings up to 250 people with physical distancing. Indoor gatherings up to 200 people or 75 per cent capacity with physical distancing (whichever is less). Larger venues can have separated cohorts with physical distancing. Funeral home visitation up to 25 people at a time. Dancing permitted at weddings.
Personal Gatherings	 Outdoor personal gatherings up to 50 people. Indoor personal gatherings limited to a household and their Steady 20. Wakes held outside of a funeral home/place of worship are permitted in accordance with the limit for personal gatherings.
Businesses	 No capacity restrictions for retail stores as long as physical distancing can be maintained between patrons. Restaurants and lounges can open at 75 per cent capacity, with physical distancing maintained between patrons seated at adjacent tables. Self-serve buffets are prohibited.
Recreational Activities	 Outdoor sports tournaments permitted with appropriate COVID-19 protocols in place. Recreational and arts facilities follow the limits for formal gatherings. Cohorting continues at child care centres, after school programs and day camps; cohorts can be combined for outdoor play.
Offices and Workplaces	Continued return to work.Workplaces can have small in-person meetings.









The criteria for Step 2 are:

- About 80 per cent of people ages 12 years and older are vaccinated with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine; AND
- About 50 per cent of people ages 12 years and older are vaccinated with two doses of COVID-19 vaccine; AND
- Low COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations.

Your responsibility:

- Wear a non-medical mask in indoor public spaces.
- Maintain physical distancing from others.
- If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, isolate away from others and get tested.
- Get two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, once available to you.

Activities What you can do

Travel

- Fully and partially vaccinated Canadians have no testing or self-isolation requirements.
- Unvaccinated Canadians are tested on day 7, 8 or 9, and self-isolate until receipt of a negative test result.
- Mixed groups of vaccinated and unvaccinated adult travellers follow the rules for unvaccinated travellers.
- Vaccinated adults travelling with unvaccinated children under the age of 12 years follow the rules applicable to the adults' vaccination status.
- Newfoundlanders and Labradorians returning home from out-of-province travel will be required to follow the rules above according to their vaccination status.







Travel	Rotational Workers and Essential Workers	
	 Fully and partially vaccinated rotational workers coming from non-outbreak sites follow the rules above for Canadian travellers. Fully and partially vaccinated rotational workers coming from outbreak sites are tested upon arrival and are not required to self-isolate. Fully and partially vaccinated essential workers follow the rules above for Canadian travellers. Unvaccinated workers follow current testing and isolation protocols. 	
Formal	Outdoor gatherings up to 500 people with physical distancing.	
Gatherings	 Indoor gatherings up to 350 people as long as physical distancing can be maintained. 	
	 Larger indoor and outdoor venues can have separated cohorts with physical distancing. 	
	 Funeral home visitation up to 50 people at a time. 	
Personal Gatherings	 Limited to the number of people that can fit in the space with physical distancing. 	
Businesses	 No capacity restrictions at restaurants and lounges, with physical distancing maintained between patrons seated at adjacent tables. Self-serve buffets are prohibited. Dance floors permitted. 	
Recreational Activities	 Indoor and outdoor sports tournaments permitted with appropriate COVID 10 protects as a in place 	
Activities	 COVID-19 protocols in place. Recreational and arts facilities follow the limits for formal gatherings. 	
	 Cohorting continues at child care centres, after school programs and day camps; large group outdoor activities are permitted. 	
Offices and Workplaces	 Continued return to work. Larger meetings and conferences can happen 	
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Step 3 as early as September 15

The criteria for Step 3 are:

- About 80 per cent of people ages 12 years and older are vaccinated with two doses of COVID-19 vaccine; AND
- Low COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations.

Your responsibility:

- Mask requirements will be reviewed based on current evidence.
- Maintain physical distancing from others.
- If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, isolate away from others and get tested.
- Get two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, once available to you.

Activities What you can do

Fully and partially vaccinated Canadians have no testing or self-isolation requirements. Unvaccinated Canadians self-isolate until receipt of a negative test result. Mixed groups of vaccinated and unvaccinated adult travellers follow the rules for unvaccinated travellers. Vaccinated adults travelling with unvaccinated children under the age of 12 years follow the rules applicable to the adults' vaccination status. Newfoundlanders and Labradorians returning home from out-of-province travel will be required to follow the rules above according to their vaccination status.







Activities What you can do

Travel	Rotational Workers and Essential Workers
	 Fully and partially vaccinated rotational workers coming from non-outbreak sites have no testing or self-isolation requirements. Fully and partially vaccinated rotational workers coming from outbreak sites are tested upon arrival but are not required to self-isolate. Fully and partially vaccinated essential workers have no testing or self-isolation requirements. Unvaccinated workers follow current testing and isolation protocols.
Formal Gatherings	 Outdoor gatherings have no capacity restrictions with physical distancing. Increased capacity at indoor gatherings to be determined based on current evidence. This includes funeral home visitation.
Personal Gatherings	 Limited to the number of people that can fit in the space with physical distancing.
Businesses	 No capacity restrictions at restaurants and lounges, with physical distancing maintained between patrons seated at adjacent tables. Self-serve buffets are prohibited. Dance floors permitted.
Recreational Activities	 Indoor and outdoor sports tournaments permitted with appropriate COVID-19 protocols in place. Recreational and arts facilities follow the limits for formal gatherings.
Offices and Workplaces	• Workplaces are back to normal with appropriate COVID-19 protocols in place as required.







Definitions

Canadian: Anyone travelling to Newfoundland and Labrador from within Canada.

Fully vaccinated: For two-dose COVID-19 vaccines, a person is considered to be fully vaccinated when at least two weeks has passed since their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine. For one-dose COVID-19 vaccines, a person is considered to be fully vaccinated when at least two weeks has passed since their vaccination.

Partially vaccinated: A person is considered to be partially vaccinated when at least two weeks have passed since their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. This only applies to vaccines that consist of two doses.

Unvaccinated: A person is considered to be unvaccinated if they have not received any doses of COVID-19 vaccine.



