

Declaration of a State of Emergency and Mandatory Order

Pursuant to the authority of subsection 10(1) of the *Emergency Measures Act* of New Brunswick and the authority granted to me thereunder, and being satisfied that an emergency exists in the Province of New Brunswick due to the increased presence of COVID-19 and its risks to the health and safety of all New Brunswickers, I hereby declare a state of emergency that applies to the whole province.

In accordance with the authority granted to me under section 12 of the *Emergency Measures Act*, I specifically order that the following measures take place immediately:

- 1) All food and beverage serving businesses will reduce to take-out and delivery only.
- 2) All lounges and special facilities licenced under the *Liquor Control Act* will cease admitting patrons.
- 3) All retail sales and other public-facing business operations will cease admitting patrons, except: grocery stores; pharmacies; repair garages; post offices; financial and lending institutions; retailers of fuel, hardware and automotive parts; convenience stores; animal and fish feed providers; and corporate and agency stores of Alcohol NB Liquor and Cannabis NB. All businesses required to cease admitting patrons are expressly permitted to sell online or over the phone and arrange delivery of pick-up of purchases. Door to door soliciting is prohibited but delivery is permitted.
- 4) All swimming pools, spas, saunas, waterparks, gymnasia, yoga studios, dance studios, rinks and arenas, tennis courts, soccer and baseball fields, climbing walls, escape rooms, ski hills, golf courses, arcades, amusement centers, pool halls, bowling alleys, casinos, cinemas, libraries, museums, zoos, aquaria, barbers, hair stylists, esthetics service providers, sugar bush operations, and theatres or other live performance venues shall cease admitting members and the public.
- 5) All regulated health services providers will cease operations unless the services to be provided are to address essential health care or an emergency health care situation.
- 6) All unregulated health services providers, with the exception of those that are providing direct support to regulated health services providers, shall cease operations immediately.
- 7) Owners and operators of all other premises on which persons may gather in large numbers will take all reasonable steps to prevent social or recreational gatherings of more than 10 persons.
- 8) Childcare operators will cease admitting children and parents, except the children of essential workers as defined by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
- 9) Owners and managers of all workplaces and organizers of all activities will take every reasonable step to ensure minimal interaction of people within 2 metres of each other, and carry out advice to minimize risk as issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- 10) All owners and managers of all workplaces will reduce to critical functions and will take every reasonable step required to prevent persons who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 from entering the workplace, in accordance with advice issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health or Worksafe New Brunswick. They will also take every reasonable step required to prevent persons from entering workplaces who have travelled internationally in the previous 14 days.

- 11) Schools, colleges, universities and private schools must be closed to students. Institutions who have students in residence are permitted to allow them to remain in residence until they can be returned safely home. Online course delivery can continue
- 12) Every person who has been outside of Canada will self-isolate within their home for 14 days after their return to Canada, and, if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 during that period, will remain self-isolated until symptom-free. This requirement does not apply to persons exempted by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- 13) Every person directed by a physician to self-isolate will obey.
- 14) All licenses, registrations, certificates and permits issued by the Province of New Brunswick valid as of March 16th, 2020 shall remain valid until May 31st, 2020 unless suspended by a court or by other authority under an Act of the Province.
- 15) The right of landlords under section 19 of the Residential Tenancies Act to require tenants to vacate for non-payment of rent, and the authority of residential tenancies officers under section 22 of that Act to evict tenants for the same reason, are suspended, until May 31, 2020.

I will review compliance with this Declaration and Order on an ongoing basis, and reserve the right to make additional orders as required for the health and safety of New Brunswickers.

Declared March 19, 2020, in Fredericton, New Brunswick,

Hon. Carl Urquhart

Minister of Public Safety