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All Branch Mail Out #39

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TO: NS/NU Branches
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From: Comrade Valerie Mitchell- Veinotte
Executive Director
NS/NU Command, RCL

Subject: Branch Operations

Message:

Comrades:

NS/NU Command President Marion Fryday-Cook and I participated in a sector engagement meeting with the Director of NS Public Health yesterday afternoon.

The PowerPoint presentation from that meeting is enclosed/attached for your perusal.

Chief Medical Officer of Public Health for Nova Scotia Dr. Robert Strang confirmed at the meeting that the approved plan for the operation of restaurants and drinking establishments and direction to licensees by A&G may be utilized by RCL Branches as it relates to the operation of our bar/clubrooms and if applicable for food service.

That plan can be found under Branch Resources at

<http://ns.legion.ca/index.php/branch-resources/forms>

The direction from Compliance of A&G is attached for Branches to follow. Please be reminded that CURRENTLY the maximum number cannot exceed 50% capacity and that 6 feet physical distancing MUST be maintained unless protective barriers are in place or groups of 10 from the same household or that households bubble are seated together.

We have been advised that pool, card and dart games may not yet take place.

Doctor Strang advised that the strategic plan submitted by Gaming NS was approved Wednesday evening and that A&G will contact VLT licensees directly with measures and protocols to be followed and to make arrangements for technical restarts.

Dr. Strang advised that events such as concerts and dancing are not considered safe at this time.

The Director of A&G advised the meeting that he would consult separately with Dr. Strang specifically about the holding of BINGO. Protocols and restrictions now in place are expected to be reviewed by end June with revision depending on the impact of this stage of "re-opening." However, there is the possibility that restrictions may be put in place prior to that time so Branches are urged to frequently and closely consult the website <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/> to remain informed.

Please be reminded that absolutely key to any segment of RCL Branch operations is to employ every measure to create a safe environment for staff, members, and patrons.

Clarification received regarding the NS Small Business Impact Grant is attached for your perusal. My understanding is that the applications will be available June 08 and can be found at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/small-business-reopening-support-grant/>

Reopening Nova Scotia

JUNE 4, 2020

Public health protocols for business

Public health order requirements for all businesses:

- ▶ Maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) or a physical barrier
- ▶ Gathering limit of 10 only applies if:
 - ▶ Physical distancing cannot be maintained (indoors or outdoors)
 - ▶ Business's core function is gatherings (eg, theatres, concerts, sporting events, festivals, etc)

There are more requirements for some businesses

Businesses that were ordered closed

Most can reopen starting June 5 if they can follow approved Workplace COVID-19 Prevention Plan:

- ▶ Restaurants (dine, takeout, delivery)
- ▶ Drinking establishments
- ▶ Personal services (eg, hair salons, barber shops, spas, nail salons, body art establishments)
- ▶ Fitness facilities (eg, gyms, yoga studios, climbing facilities)
- ▶ Private campgrounds
- ▶ Self-regulated and un-regulated health professions
- ▶ Veterinarians

Businesses that were ordered closed

Industry association (or individual business if there is no association) **must** include the following public health protocols in their plans:

- ▶ Physical distancing in the workplace (staff and clients)
- ▶ Number of clients
- ▶ How to work and interact with customers
- ▶ Cleaning
- ▶ Equipment
- ▶ Preparing employees to return to work
- ▶ Preparing for customers or clients
- ▶ Monitoring and communicating of plan

Drinking establishments

Licensed establishments include:

- ▶ Restaurants
- ▶ Bars
- ▶ Lounges
- ▶ Private clubs
- ▶ Tasting/tap rooms (wineries, breweries and distilleries)
- ▶ Special premises licenses (hotels)

Drinking establishments

May reopen under conditions in the public health order:

- ▶ Maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) or a physical barrier between tables, booths and single seats
- ▶ Not exceed 50% of the establishment's capacity do not permit any single group within the establishment to exceed 10 people
- ▶ Do not permit any single group within the establishment to exceed 10 people
- ▶ Provide food and alcohol for in-seat service only, delivered to the table by staff, and ensure food and alcohol is kept at the table
- ▶ Ensure patrons comply with physical distancing requirements
- ▶ Be closed to customers by 11:00 p.m.

Restaurants

Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia has approved plan that includes conditions in public health order:

- ▶ Maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) or a physical barrier between tables, booths and single seats
- ▶ Keep patrons to a maximum of 50% of the restaurant's capacity
- ▶ Do not permit any single group within the restaurant to exceed 10 people

Next steps

- ▶ For operations that include food service:
 - ▶ Follow existing RANS plan
- ▶ For operations that do not include food service:
 - ▶ Work together to develop a plan, submit for approval
- ▶ For possible future operations after 11 pm:
 - ▶ Work together to develop a plan, submit for approval
- ▶ Stay informed about changes:
 - ▶ news releases and media briefings available via novascotia.ca/coronavirus
 - ▶ Email COVID19INFO@novascotia.ca to be added to distribution for stakeholder updates

Information and resources:
novascotia.ca/reopening-nova-scotia

Submit plan for approval:
nseconomy@novascotia.ca

Thank you

From Compliance NS Alcohol and Gaming Received May 30 2020

The following can open on June 5th, if they are ready to follow the guidelines and choose to do so:

- restaurants for dine-in, as well as takeout and delivery
- all liquor licensed liquor establishments, including liquor manufacturers – this would include establishments like restaurants, bars, private clubs, tasting/tap rooms (for wineries, breweries and distilleries) and special premises licenses (e.g. hotels).
- These establishments have to meet the following conditions:
 - only allow a maximum of 50% capacity of the establishment, with no single group of customers exceeding the gathering limit;
 - maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 metres or 6 feet between tables, booths and single seats or a physical barrier
 - only serve food and alcohol for in-seat service, delivered to tables by staff and ensure food and alcohol remain at the table
 - not allow dancing and other activities that involve close physical contact
 - be closed for customers by 11 p.m.
- Customers should stay seated and enjoy food and drink at their table. They shouldn't stand at the bar to get their own drink or mingle with other tables, on the dancefloor or in other common areas of the establishment.

General questions on Covid19 questions can still to be forward to the contact Centre:

Telephone:(in metro)

902-424-5200

Toll-Free:(within North America)

1-800-670-4357

Additional Resources:

For more information, go to: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/>

Capital Plan 2020-21 is available online at: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/documents/capital-plan-2020-2021>

The Five-year Highway Improvement Plan can be found at:

<https://novascotia.ca/tran/highways/fiveyearplan.asp>

The Nova Scotia School Capital Plan is available at: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/capitalplan>

RE: clarification please

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Hi Valerie,

The intent of Small Business Impact Grant is to help small businesses the province specifically ordered to close (named in the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health – listed below) reopen safely for the public. As a non-profit or charity there are only certain circumstances in which you would be eligible – you would need to be operating a revenue generating entity ordered to be closer under the order. If for example a non-profit runs a restaurant, a drinking establishment, or a retail bookstore with a physical premises, they may be eligible.

This is the list of eligible business areas directly ordered to close:

- restaurants and restaurants in golf courses with onsite dining (food trucks and restaurants without onsite dining are not eligible)
- drinking establishments (like bars, winery and distillery tasting rooms and craft taprooms)
- personal care services (like hair salons, barber shops, spas, nail salons and body art establishments)
- fitness establishments (like gyms, yoga and Pilates studios and rock-climbing establishments)
- unregulated health professionals (like massage therapists, acupuncturists, naturopathic doctors, Chinese medicine practitioners, other complementary and alternative medicine practitioners and podiatrists)
- self-regulated health professionals (like audiologists, chiropractors, physiotherapists, self-employed dental hygienists, opticians and optometrists; physicians, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses, paramedics and dentists are not eligible)
- veterinarians
- live, performing arts events for audiences scheduled to take place in April or May 2020 (while these businesses are still ordered closed by the Public Health Order, the grant can help them prepare for eventual reopening)
- in-person trade shows, exhibitions, paid keynote speakers, event planners and event support companies scheduled to take place in April or May 2020, if at least 50% of their revenue is dependent on live events (while these businesses are still ordered closed by the Public Health Order, the grant can help them prepare for eventual reopening)

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