

Memorandum

To: Nova Scotia Licensed Establishments

From: Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health

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Re: Games and Activities in Licensed Establishments

The provincial government continues to get questions about the ability to hold a variety of games and activities in licensed establishments. Further to discussions between the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Labour and Advanced Education, Department of Environment and Alcohol and Gaming, we would like to provide the following general information to allow you to make your own decisions about what games and activities you are willing to allow in your facility. Amendments have been made to the Health Protection Order to facilitate increased activities. As long as the following is being done then you do not need to ask permission from licensing authorities:

1. All the requirements in clause 11.1 (b) of the PH order are being met. <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/health-protection-act-order-by-the-medical-officer-of-health.pdf>
2. The game or activity must be conducted in a manner that either ensures that participants are able to maintain at least 2M/6feet or physical distance throughout the activity except when participants are from a single group of up to 10 seated at the same table.
3. If there is dedicated seating for teams in a specified playing area, then the tables need to be separated by at least 2M/6 ft and there can only be a single team people per table.
4. Masks must be worn at all times by participants except if they are seated at their table and eating/drinking.
5. Eating and drinking can only take place when a person is seated at their table.
6. During an activity, there can be no sharing of equipment such as cards, darts except within the single group of up to 10 seated at a single table.

7. Between activities all equipment that is meant to be shared between participants must be wiped or cleaned with a disinfecting cleaner.
8. The establishment must have protocols and processes in place to facilitate handwashing/sanitizing by participants before, and after they play, and to ensure cleaning of common surfaces between groups of players.
9. Singing activities such as karaoke are not allowed except at dedicated karaoke bars which consist of multiple small rooms with tables that only hold bubbles of up to 10 persons.
10. Regular leagues and one-time tournaments that can adhere to these requirements are allowed.