

**Special Measures Order
(Atlantic Canadian Travelers)**

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

June 23, 2021

TO: All individuals arriving in Newfoundland and Labrador from within Atlantic Canada

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 and is currently still in effect.
- D.** 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;
- E.** The Chief Medical Officer of Health, pursuant to section 28 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**, made Special Measures Orders (Travel) dated May 15, 2020, Special Measures Order (Updated Self-Isolation Exemption Order) dated November 27, 2020, Special Measures Order (Rotational Workers – Self-Isolation Order) dated March 12, 2021, Special Measures Order (Essential Worker Work-Isolation Order) dated April 23, 2021 and Special Measures Order (Traveler COVID-19 Testing) dated May 15, 2021;
- F.** The Chief Medical Officer of Health believes that, while special measures continue to be necessary for the purpose of protecting the health of the population and preventing, remedying or mitigating the effects of the public health emergency, certain restrictions set out in the aforementioned Special

Measures Orders as they pertain to travel between the Atlantic provinces are no longer required in the circumstances to respond to the public health emergency;

G. The Chief Medical Officer of Health believes, in accordance with section 13 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**, that the restrictions set out in this Special Measures Order (Atlantic Canadian Travelers) are the least intrusive measures reasonably required in the circumstances to respond to the public health emergency,

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

1. Notwithstanding Special Measures Order (Travel) dated May 15, 2020, Special Measures Order (Updated Self-Isolation Exemption Order) dated November 27, 2020, Special Measures Order (Rotational Workers – Self-Isolation Order) dated March 12, 2021 and Special Measures Order (Essential Worker Work-Isolation Order) dated April 23, 2021, the following asymptomatic individuals and asymptomatic workers are exempted from the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days upon entry into Newfoundland and Labrador:

- (a) residents of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick when entering the province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and
- (b) residents of Newfoundland and Labrador when returning to the province from another province in Atlantic Canada

provided they have not travelled beyond the named provinces in the previous 14 days.

2. Notwithstanding Special Measures Order (Travel) dated May 15, 2020, the requirement for individuals to provide specifics of their plan to self-isolate for 14 days following their arrival in the province and the requirement to be available for contact with public officials during the duration of the 14 day self isolation period does not apply to:

- (a) residents of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick when entering the province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and
- (b) residents of Newfoundland and Labrador when returning to the province from another province in Atlantic Canada

provided they have not travelled beyond the named provinces in the previous 14 days.

3. Notwithstanding Special Measures Order (Rotational Workers – Self Isolation Order) dated March 12, 2021, the following rotational workers are not required to comply with the COVID-19 testing requirements during the 14 day self-isolation period:
 - (a) residents of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick when entering the province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and
 - (b) residents of Newfoundland and Labrador when returning to the province from another province in Atlantic Canada

provided they have not travelled beyond the named provinces in the previous 14 days.
4. Notwithstanding Special Measures Order (Essential Workers Work-Isolation Order) dated April 23, 2021, the following essential workers are not required to comply with COVID-19 testing and are not required to possess a letter from their employer confirming that they are essential:
 - (a) residents of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick when entering the province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and
 - (b) residents of Newfoundland and Labrador when returning to the province from another province in Atlantic Canada

provided they have not travelled beyond the named provinces in the previous 14 days.
5. Notwithstanding Special Measures Order (Traveler COVID-19 Testing) dated May 15, 2021, the requirement to comply with COVID-19 testing during the 14 day self-isolation period does not apply to:
 - (a) residents of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick when entering the province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and
 - (b) residents of Newfoundland and Labrador when returning to the province from another province in Atlantic Canada

provided they have not travelled beyond the named provinces in the previous 14 days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order is effective as of 12:01 a.m. on June 23, 2021.

2. All other Special Measures Orders remain in full force and effect.

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

1. Failure to comply with this order may result in an application to the Supreme Court, in accordance with section 42 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act** to enforce the relevant provisions of this Order.
2. A person who is subject to an order made by the Chief Medical Officer of Health may request that the Chief Medical Officer of Health reconsider the order by filing a written request for reconsideration within 7 days after the day on which the order is served on a person. A written request for review or reconsideration of this order shall include:
 - (i) the reasons for the request;
 - (ii) a summary of the facts relevant to the request;
 - (iii) whether the order should be revoked or how it should be varied; and
 - (iv) the contact information of the person making the request and shall be sent to the following address:

The Chief Medical Officer of Health
Department of Health and Community Services
PO Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

3. The Chief Medical Officer of Health shall review this Order no less than once every 5 days while the Order is in effect.
4. This Order remains in effect during any review or reconsideration.
5. Failure to comply with this Order is an offence for which you may be liable on summary conviction in accordance with section 56 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**.
6. For greater certainty, compliance with this Order is required in addition to and not in substitution for any requirement imposed by or under any applicable law.

Signed at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 23rd day of June, 2021.

Dr. Janice Fitzgerald

Chief Medical Officer of Health