

**Special Measures Order
(Labrador-Quebec Border Amendments)**

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

June 25, 2020

TO: All individuals who travel across the Labrador-Quebec border

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 (Declaration Exemption Order) dated May 16, 2020 and Special Measures Order (Self-Isolation Exemption Order) dated May 29, 2020;
- 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, in accordance with section 13 of the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**, certain restrictions set out in the aforementioned Special Measures Orders as they pertain to travel across the

Labrador-Quebec border are no longer 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. The Order No. 6 of the Special Measures Order (Travel) is repealed and replaced with the following:

All individuals arriving in Newfoundland and Labrador by motor vehicle from the province of Quebec must immediately stop at their point of entry when indicated by a representative of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

2. The Order No. 2 of the Special Measures Order (Declaration Exemption Order) is repealed and replaced with the following:

Individuals who arrive in the province from Quebec via the Newfoundland and Labrador-Quebec border and who are exempted from the requirement to self-isolate are also exempted from the requirement to complete and submit a declaration form and a self-isolation plan when they enter into the province.

3. The Order No. 8 of the Special Measures Order (Self-Isolation Exemption Order) is repealed and replaced with the following:

Due to the interprovincial travel amongst local communities on the Newfoundland and Labrador-Quebec border and the level of social and economic integration between the communities of Labrador City, Wabush and Fermont and the Labrador Straits area and Blanc Sablon, asymptomatic individuals, who are permanent residents of one of these communities, who cross the Newfoundland and Labrador-Quebec border are exempted from the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days when arriving in Newfoundland and Labrador from Quebec provided that:

- (a) Individuals have not traveled beyond the named communities in the previous 14 days;
- (b) Residents of Labrador West do not travel beyond the boundary of the community of Fermont or the Mount Wright Mining Complex turn off at Rue 389;
- (c) Residents of Fermont do not travel beyond the community boundaries of Labrador City and Wabush;

(d) Residents of the Labrador Straits area do not travel beyond the community of Blanc Sablon; and

(e) Residents of Blanc Sablon do not travel beyond the Labrador Straits area.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order is effective as of June 25, 2020.
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 26th day of June, 2020.



Dr. Janice Fitzgerald
Chief Medical Officer of Health