

## **Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia**

Working with the food & beverage sector since 1947 1560 businesses - 26, 300 jobs - \$1.3 billion sales

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# **UPDATES**

**SCAM ALERT:** We have heard of the following scam that has occurred in Halifax. An establishment had their electronic payment processing system hacked and 10 refund transactions totaling \$5400 were processed without their knowledge.

If a similar scam has happened to you, we would like to hear from you so we can track it. Send any feedback or information to natasha@rans.ca

<u>Reducing Costs:</u> The province announced, Sept. 24, that it is reducing costs and administrative burdens for taxi and ride hailing services. Read more **here**.

# **SUPPORTS & RESOURCES**



If you missed the webinar that covered topics on *bankruptcy and solvency*, you can see a recording <u>here</u>.

We've also attached a copy of the presentation <u>here.</u>

If you have any trouble accessing the video, please contact natasha@rans.ca

# Listen up!

#### The First Sixteen

is Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's new podcast series that explores the freshest ideas in agriculture and food. Each bite-sized episode explores a single topic in depth—digging deep into new practices, innovative ideas, and their impacts on the industry and more broadly on Canadians.



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# STATS, TRENDS, INFO

#### **Current State of the Industry:**

restaurants closed for 80 days

- open for 125 days
- pandemic period 260 days
- sales 30-50% of the 2019 (same period last year)
- approximately 200 restaurants did not open (most will never reopen)
- restaurant closures 2-5 establishments a week
- employment down approximately 15,000 employees

1 week with no new COVID-19 cases for Nova Scotia - here

Reminder: Faster COVID-19 Testing for Nova Scotians

As of Oct.1, instead of calling 811 as a first step, people can now do a COVID-19 self-assessment online (<a href="https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/">https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/</a>). This will reduce the wait time to be screened for testing from 12 hours to about 10 minutes. If the online assessment determines that a person requires a test, the Nova Scotia Health Authority or the IWK Health Centre will call them within 24 to 48 hours to book an appointment.

811 will continue to take calls from people who cannot access the online tool or who wish to speak with a nurse about their symptoms. 811 has received an average of 1,467 calls per day and served an average of 1,024 patients per day since the beginning of September

There are 26 primary assessment centres around the province: <a href="https://www.nshealth.ca/coronavirus-assessment">https://www.nshealth.ca/coronavirus-assessment</a>

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limited time)

With the emergence of COVID-19 this year, the commitment to a clean and safe environment is more important than ever. **Clean It Right** is a training program provided through TIANS to provide awareness and education on cleaning your establishment with the goal of regaining consumer confidence.

Tourism businesses and organizations in Nova Scotia can register to create a free business training account and access for your staff to complete **Clean It Right** Program online. Quick and Easy – the training is available for Accommodations, Retail and Restaurants & Food Services.

We encourage you to take part – as we all do our best to rebuild customer confidence and provide a safe environment for patrons.

For more information on Clean it Right visit: https://nstourismstrong.ca/clean-it-right/

Register to earn your business designation today and gain the competitive edge. https://trainingtodo.com/secure/cleanitright-ns/



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Any Member questions and or discounted pricing requests can be sent directly to:

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We are in search of Business Bite submissions from our members! If you have an event, new product/service, or interesting trends/stats to add to one of the newsletters and/or our social media, please send to <a href="mailto:natasha@rans.ca">natasha@rans.ca</a>.

We are excited to see them!









