



Update for Restaurants - Open Day 327

Restaurants closed first time 78 days (NS)

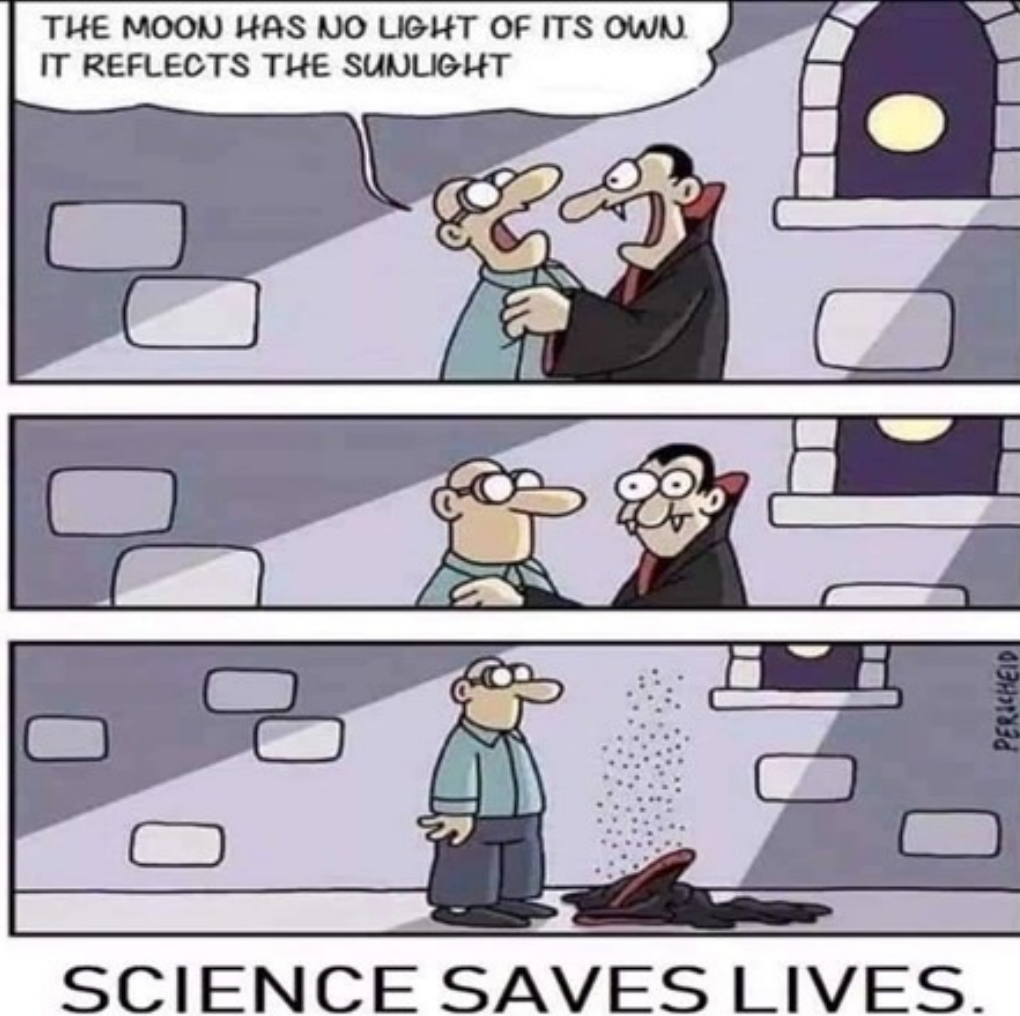
Restaurants closed second time 39 days (HRM)

Restaurants closed third time 34 days (HRM)

Restaurants closed third time 29 days (All NS)

Pandemic notice - It's been a year!

May 26, 2021



Covid Cases May 26

37 new cases (- 17 less that yesterday) 😊 heading in the right direction

22 in Central region

11 in Eastern region

4 in Northern region

0 in Western region

53 in hospital non-ICU and 19 in ICU

New Just Announced (May 26, 2:15pm)

Province Strengthens Support for Restaurant and Bar Industry

The Nova Scotia government is amending the Liquor Licensing Regulations to help the restaurant and bar industry while ensuring protections are still in place for the safe and responsible sale and consumption of alcohol.

In addition, restaurants and bars now have the option to include cocktails and mixed drinks for delivery or take-out with food orders while the state of emergency order is in effect.

The new regulations allow for more choices for home delivery and take-out of alcohol with food orders. The changes go into effect today, May 26, giving bars and restaurants the option to:

- expand the list of alcoholic beverages allowed with food orders

to include manufactured ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages such as coolers

- increase the value of a bottle of wine allowed with a home delivery to more than three times the cost of the food order to allow higher-end wines to be sold with food purchases

Other changes include:

- simplifying rules for operators who have both an eating establishment and a lounge licence at the same location and harmonizing hours of operation across all classes of licence by allowing all licensed restaurants and bars to sell or dispense liquor on Sundays starting at 10 a.m. Currently, lounge licensees can't open until noon

- allowing children and youth under 19 years of age in all licensed establishments that have food service to stay for one extra hour, until 10 p.m., with a parent or adult guardian

“These changes respond to what we have heard from the restaurant, bar and tourism sectors as ways to support and evolve their businesses,” says Patricia Arab, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services. “These changes reduce red tape and support all of our licensed establishments as they provide the excellent service their customers expect. But above all, these changes retain rules and oversight that support the responsible use and serving of alcohol.”

Changes have also been made under the Emergency Management Act. They come into effect today, May 26, and will continue until the state of emergency ends. They include:

- allowing for third-party delivery services and drivers to deliver alcoholic beverages with food if they meet certain conditions, including training for the safe and responsible sale of alcohol

- implementing a 15 per cent cap on fees bars and restaurants pay for third-party deliveries and a 10 per cent cap if a customer uses a food delivery app to order

“In support of our small businesses, we have provided direct funding to them and focussed on reducing red tape, and today's announcement is another example of our ongoing support,” said Labi Kousoulis, Minister of Inclusive Economic Growth. “Many of these changes will help our hospitality businesses now, through their recovery and over the longer term.”

Quotes:

We are elated with the news from the province that allows us to offer our cocktails to go. This opens up another avenue for our small restaurant and others to provide the cocktail experience at home. Premier Iain Rankin has bridged a gap that has been missing in Nova Scotia – a province that has shown a demand for craft cocktails. Thank you, Premier, for working with us to progress our industry! *Ryan Shimosawa, co-owner, The Townhouse, Antiginish*

We are very grateful for the government taking a very positive step for cocktail bars, cocktail-focused restaurants and small businesses. We are just flattered to be heard and responded to and we think this is going to be a lifeline for a lot of us. The more 'inflatable pools' (our best-selling cocktail) we can sell, the longer we can stay afloat. *Matt*

Quick Facts:

- new protocols and training will be mandatory for third-party drivers who deliver alcoholic beverages with food orders: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/COVID-19-Protocol-for-Delivery-of-Liquor-by-Third-Party.pdf>
- many of the amendments help to level the playing field for operators who have both an eating establishment and lounge licence
- liquor licensing regulations establish the rules for liquor licences and how licensed establishments operate

Additional Resources:

Ministerial directive: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Direction-of-Minister-liquor-licensed-establishments-third-party-liquor-delivery.pdf>

Liquor licensing fact

sheet: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/amendments-liquor-licensing-regulations-factsheet.pdf>

Third-party deliveries fact

sheet: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/third-party-food-liquor-deliveries-factsheet.pdf>

Information on additional supports for small

business: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/support/#support-for-business>

Government Covid Funding Programs & Updates

Federal Programs

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html#businesses>

Updates

- The **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)** covers 75% of an employee's wages — up to \$847 per week. Budget 2021 included an **extension** of this program to **September 25, 2021**.
- The **Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)** provides a rent and mortgage subsidy of up to 65% of eligible expenses to small businesses and not-for-profits. Organizations that have been significantly restricted by a mandatory public health order issued by a qualifying public health authority can also receive an additional 25% as part of the lockdown support. This subsidy provides payments directly to qualifying renters and property owners, **without requiring the participation of landlords**. The program has been **extended to September 25, 2021**.
- The **Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)** provides interest-free loans of \$40,000 to small businesses and not-for-

profits. The deadline for new Canada Emergency Business Account applications is being **extended from March 31 to June 30, 2021**. As of December 4, 2020, hard-hit small businesses and not-for-profits could be eligible for an **additional \$20,000** CEBA loan, on top of the \$40,000 already available. Repaying the balance of the loan on or before December 31, 2022 will result in **loan forgiveness** of 33 percent (up to \$20,000).

- The **Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)** supports employed and self-employed individuals who are directly affected by COVID-19 and are not entitled to Employment Insurance (EI) benefits. You may apply up to a total of 19 eligibility periods (**38 weeks**) between September 27, 2020 and **September 25, 2021**.
- Through the **Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP)**, businesses heavily impacted by COVID-19 can access guaranteed, low-interest loans of \$25,000 to \$1 million to cover operational cash flow needs.
- The **Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)** provides assistance to businesses and communities that may require additional support to cope with and recover from the pandemic. Budget 2021 provided **additional funding** for this program and **extended** the deadline to **June 30, 2021**.
- The **Canada Health Communities Initiative** is funding projects between \$5,000 and \$250,000 that help create safe and vibrant public spaces, improve mobility options, and provide digital solutions to help their neighbourhoods or communities navigate the pandemic and look to build back better in the COVID-19 recovery. The application deadline for **round 2 is June 25, 2021**.
- The **COVID-19 Urban Main Street Loan Initiative (UMSLI)** will finance day-to-day business operating costs, such as sales and marketing, product development, wages, and other qualified expenses. UMSLI loans are intended for retail shops, restaurants, corner stores and businesses with strategic importance to the community.

Tourism Nova Scotia has compiled a Fact Sheet outlining all the federal and provincial programs and resources currently available for tourism businesses.

<https://tourismns.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/COVID-19%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20Gov%20Supports%20for%20Tourism%20-%20May%2012.pdf>

Back to the offices

- 72% of Atlantic Canadian's want to return to a physical work place
- 65% is the National average and Ontario at 57%
- 3 out of 10 Atlantic Canadians are less productive in the home

NS Restrictions & Guidance Link

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/restrictions-and-guidance/#gatherings>

Moderna Lowers Age to 12-17

[Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine](#) was shown to be effective in adolescents aged 12-17 and showed no new or major safety problems in a clinical trial, the developer said on Tuesday. The development potentially sets the stage for a second vaccine for school-aged children to be authorized in the summertime.

Moderna Inc, whose vaccine is authorized for adults 18 and older, said it will submit the findings of its adolescent study to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other regulators for emergency use authorization in early June. U.S. regulators took about a month to review a similar study from Pfizer/BioNtech, which was authorized for ages 12-15 on May 10. If Moderna gets the same treatment, its authorization would come in early July.

Canada approved Pfizer's shot for those aged 12 to 15 before the U.S.

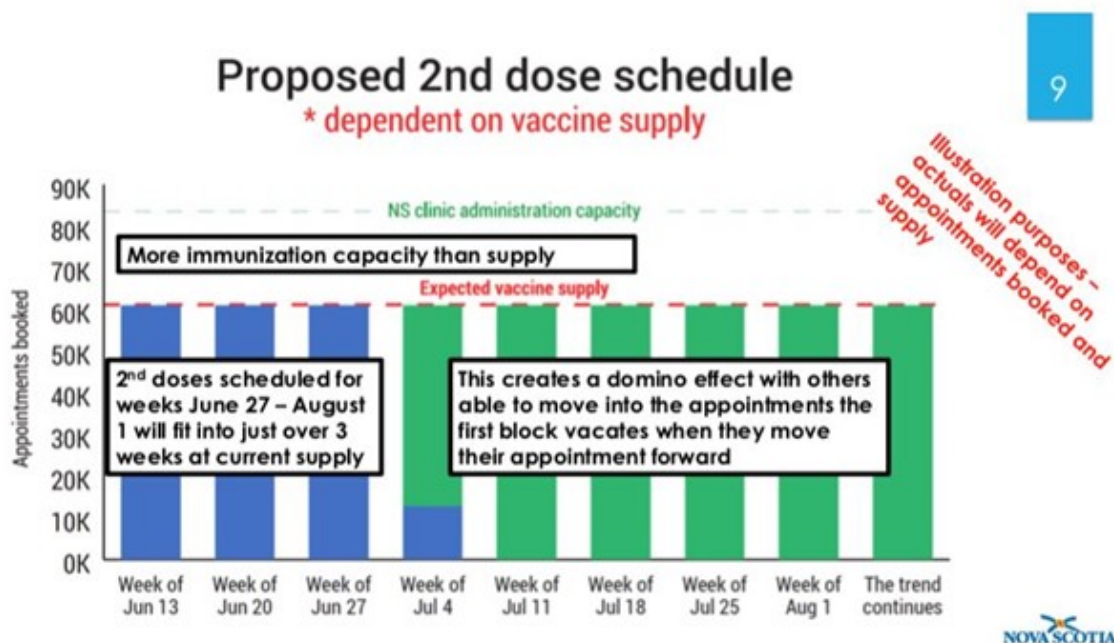
Vaccine 2nd dose expected to be 2-4 weeks earlier

- NS is expected to vaccinate 82,000 people this week
- 85% expected to have one dose by end of June

Graphs:

Graph One: Proposed 2nd dose schedule

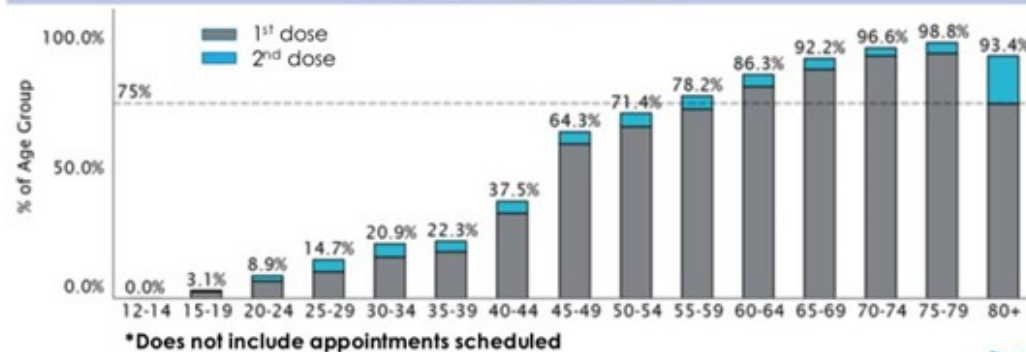
Graph Two: Current Vaccine Rates in NS



Vaccination coverage rates

Total Nova Scotia Population (Product: All)		
Only 1 Dose	Both Doses	≥1 Dose
44.0%	4.3%	48.2%

Age Group Coverage by Dose



*Does not include appointments scheduled



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