

# Order by the medical officer of health under - Section 13 <sup>[1]</sup>

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## EXCERPTS

TO:

1. All persons residing in or present in the Province of Nova Scotia;
2. All not-for-profit and for profit businesses and organizations operating or carrying on business in Nova Scotia;
3. All public schools under the jurisdiction of a regional centre for education or the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial; and
4. Day care facilities and family day care homes regulated under the Day Care Act and pre-primary programs established under the Preprimary Education Act
5. Such other persons or entities as may be identified by the Chief Medical Officer of Health

**ORDER made pursuant to Section 32 of the Health Protection Act (Nova Scotia) And WHEREAS Section 32 of the Health Protection Act states:**

32 (1) Where a medical officer is of the opinion, upon reasonable and probable grounds, that

a communicable disease exists or may exist or that there is an immediate risk of an outbreak of a communicable disease;

the communicable disease presents a risk to the public health; and

the requirements specified in the order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to the public health presented by the communicable disease

the medical officer may by written order require a person to take or to refrain from taking any action that is specified in the order in respect of a communicable disease.

Whereas COVID-19 has been identified as a communicable disease that presents a risk to public health as defined under s.4(b) of the Health Protection Act, and;

Whereas I am the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia and am of the opinion, upon reasonable and probable grounds, that

a communicable disease (COVID-19) exists; and that there is an immediate risk of an outbreak of a communicable disease;

the communicable disease presents a risk to the public health; and

the requirements specified in the order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to the public health presented by the communicable disease, and;

Whereas as the Chief Medical Officer of Health, I have determined it necessary to issue this Order to the Class of Persons to decrease the risk to public health presented by COVID-19

Please be advised that: In this Order,

(a.) "self-isolation" means the requirement of any person who has COVID-19 to remain separate from others in such places and under such conditions so as to prevent or limit the direct or indirect transmission of COVID-19.

(b.) "self-quarantine" means the requirement of any person who has been exposed or may have been exposed to COVID-19 during its period of communicability to restrict that person's activities in order to prevent disease transmission during the incubation period for this disease. Please be further advised that:

## Section 13

13. All day care facilities and family day care homes regulated under the Day Care Act and pre-primary programs established under the Pre-primary Education Act centres are closed from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020 and will be reassessed thereafter

**Region:** Nova Scotia <sup>[2]</sup>

**Tags:** government <sup>[3]</sup>

[1] <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/20/04/order-medical-officer-health-under-section-13> [2] <https://childcarecanada.org/taxonomy/term/7853> [3] <https://childcarecanada.org/taxonomy/term/8941>