



## COVID-19 Fact Sheet -- Measures for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture Sectors, March 26, 2020

- Nova Scotia is under a State of Emergency. The Medical Officer of Health's order is found here: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/COVID-19-Global-Order-2020-03-25.pdf> .
- Under this order, food, agri-food, fisheries and other groups have been named as essential and therefore have certain exemptions from the directives.
- First, healthy people involved in the movement of goods for trade purposes are not required to self-isolate for 14 days when they cross the Nova Scotia border. This includes fishing vessels crossing provincial lines to access different ports.
- In addition, healthy people who need to cross the Nova Scotia Border for their regular work activities may do so provided they continue to maintain social distancing.
- Operations involved in food production, such as farms, fishing boats, aquaculture sites, and processing facilities for both agri-food and seafood are exempt from both the 5-person gathering and social distancing requirements. Many of these operations have implemented in-house safety protocols to address their individual needs.
- Other businesses can continue to operate provided social distancing can be maintained. If the footprint of the business does not allow social distancing to be maintained, then they must limit the number of people in the business to less than 5 at any one time. Businesses should regularly clean and disinfect workspaces and high-touch areas at least twice a day or as required, and ensure employees are practicing good hygiene.
- The province has made several announcements to help businesses, including deferring payments until June 30 for all government loans, including those under the Farm Loan Board and the Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board. For more information on support for support for individuals, families and businesses visit <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/#support> .
- The Government of Canada has [funding and other resources available](#) for Canadians and businesses.

- Taste of Nova Scotia offers advice on what Nova Scotian can do now to support local businesses: <https://tasteofnovascotia.com/tons-support-local-covid-19-statement/> .
- Many businesses, as well as farmers markets, offer delivery and online services. Farmers' Markets of Nova Scotia has information to learn how to pack, deliver and receive orders safely: <https://farmersmarketsnovascotia.ca/category/farmers-markets-are-moving-online/> .

For up-to-date information, advice, resources and links on COVID-19, visit [novascotia.ca/coronavirus](https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus). This site is being updated continually as the situation evolves, and we encourage you to check it frequently.

For government office and facility closures and event cancellations, visit [novascotia.ca/closures](https://novascotia.ca/closures).