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Covid-19 Update October 14, 2021 (Nova Scotia)

Dear Regional Council 15 Members (Nova Scotia),

Please see below the information received on October 13, 2021 from Dr. Strang. ***This information applies to all areas of Nova Scotia.***

In recognition of the importance of allowing families to mourn the passing of a loved one, I am pleased to inform you that the Public Health Order, Section 16.8, has been revised to incorporate legal authority for a business or organization (including a faith organization) to host a funeral service outside the Proof of Vaccine Protocol if it adheres to the following:

a) a maximum of 25 persons attend (excluding the officiant and funeral home staff);
b) all persons in attendance wear a mask at the funeral service, both indoors and outdoors;
c) all persons (staff and attendees) who are unwell do not attend the funeral service; and
d) any business or organization that hosts a funeral service outside the parameters set out sections (a) to (c) must adhere to the POV Protocol.

The online information will be revised to reflect this change (if not already done so).
https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/restrictions-and-guidance/#gatherings

Please note that this change applies only to a funeral service and not a visitation or reception. It also does not apply to wedding services.

Dr. Strang would also like to pass along a *Thank You* for your ongoing support to the province's response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Faith

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister