

COVID-19 Update – April 22nd, 2020

The Nova Scotia Board of Registration of Embalmers and Funeral Directors is working to keep up to date on information that is helpful and useful to licensees who may be called upon to take care of a deceased person who has died as a result of the Covid-19 virus.

Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

The Board has been working with the Emergency Management Office and the Department of Health and Wellness in identifying PPE supply requirements for funeral homes. We have provided a list of supplies that could be required by funeral homes during this pandemic.

Weekly Updates

The Chairman and Executive Manager regularly participate on a weekly teleconference of National Funeral Professionals every Thursday afternoon, so we can continue to be updated from all jurisdictions across the nation on the latest news and information on the Covid-19 pandemic.

Essential Services Designation

The funeral sector has been recognized and designated by the federal government as an essential service. Provincially we have been included in the on-line tool launched by the NS Government to determine essential services. The Death Care Sector has been included in the Health division.



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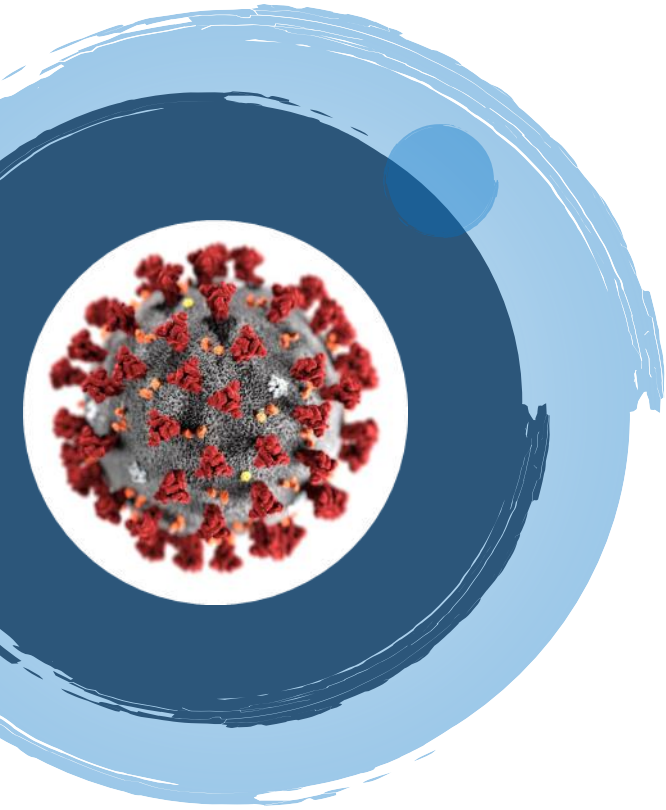
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Communications with Nova Scotia's Chief Medical Officer

The Board has established direct communications with Dr. Strang, Chief Medical Officer for the Province. He has provided an up-to-date guideline that has been prepared for the death care sector. We have provided the document with this update. Please refer to the additionally attached file.

Social & Physical Distancing

As directed by Dr. Strang. We must continue to be responsible in assuring the public that social and physical distancing is required, and that all public gatherings must be five people or less. As funeral professionals, we recognize the challenges this has put on the services you provide, however, it is mandatory this requirement is adhered to.

The Board appreciates everyone's patience during these anxious times. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Board ... *"we are all in this together"*

Stay safe and healthy!

Adam C. Tipert, CFSP
Chairman

