



COVID-19 Safe Event Planning

Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage

September 16th



Agenda

- Introductions
- Current Situation
- 5 Common Questions
- Planning Events
- Phase 5 Guidelines
- COVID Event Task Force
- Q&A's



What's New?

- Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage
- Honourable Pat Dunn, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage
- New Event Officer



About Us!

- Launched the NS Event Strategy in 2018
- Staff of 4 event professionals
- Government's on ramp for major event investments, execution and advice
- Providing advice, support and guidance to event industry

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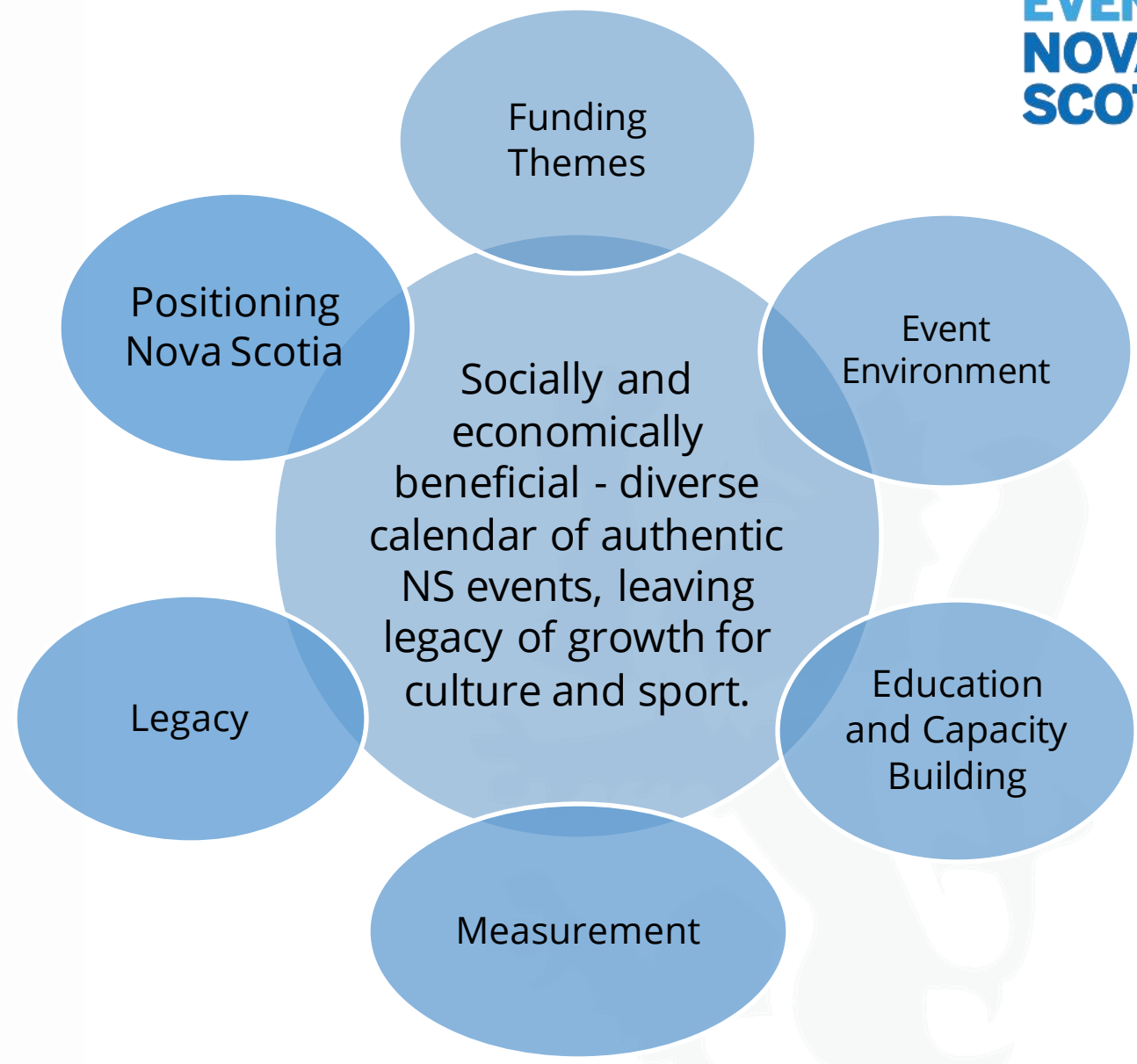
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NOVA SCOTIA EVENT STRATEGY

Goal and Supporting Pillars



Current Situation and Priorities

- Events Nova Scotia focuses on:
 - Keeping existing events healthy and assisting with pivoting/adapting
 - Investing in events that align with the Nova Scotia Event Strategy.
 - Communicate guidelines and build confidence

Current Situation

Phase 4

- Festivals, special events and arts and culture events - 50% of the venue's capacity up to 150 people indoors and up to 250 people outdoors with social distancing and mask requirements.
- Must be hosted by a business or organization.
- Organizers must have a COVID-19 Prevention Plan



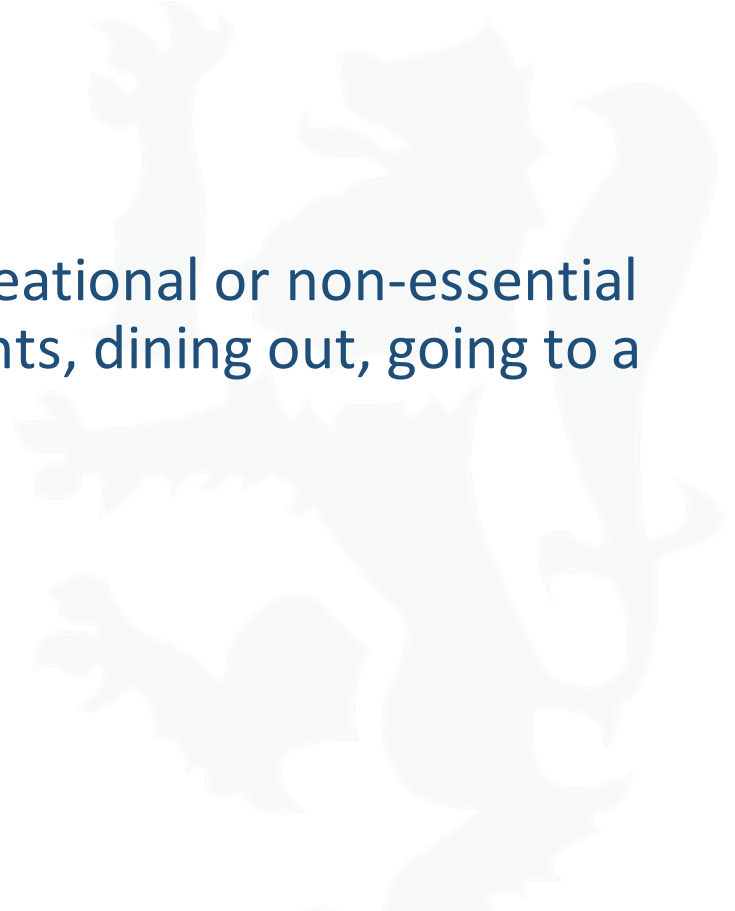
Events Prior to Oct. 4th

- There are a limited number of events taking place at several large arts and entertainment facilities before Oct. 4 for which tickets have already been sold. These events can proceed without following the gathering limit as long as the facility has a policy requiring spectators to be fully vaccinated and wear masks.
- Reach out to Events Nova Scotia
- Don't look for loopholes!




What's Next?

- Aligning Phase 5 reopening start date with proof of vaccination policy implementation – October 4.
- Vaccination policy is still being refined.
 - Required to participate in discretionary, recreational or non-essential activities such as events, concerts, sport events, dining out, going to a fitness facility, or going to a movie.



5 Common Questions

1. What kind of events will require proof of vaccination?
 2. Who is responsible to check proof of vaccination?
 3. Do we still have to have a COVID-19 plan?
 4. What is a medical exemption?
 5. Will the proof of vaccination policy apply to employees & volunteers?
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Phase 5 – October 4th

- Proof of Double Vaccination required for participants indoors*
- Outdoor/non gated events will not be required to monitor proof of vaccination*
- Border restrictions may remain in place
- No gathering limits required
- No social distancing required
- No masking required*
- Guidelines coming soon





Border Restrictions

Fully vaccinated with two doses of recognized COVID-19 vaccine

- No isolation required

Not fully vaccinated

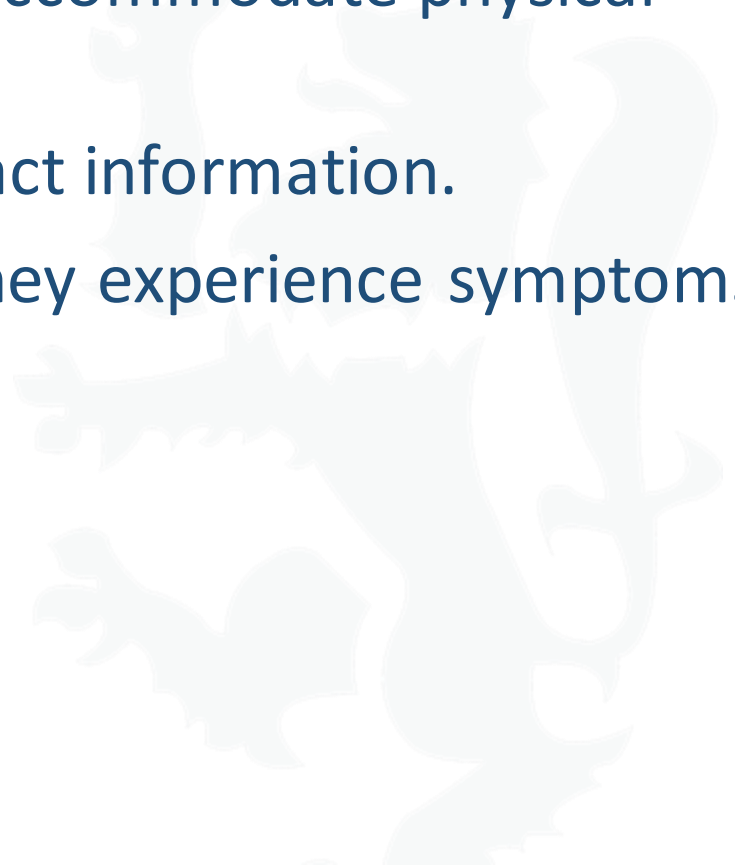
- must self-quarantine for up to 14 days until they have completed at least 7 days of self-quarantine and received a negative result from COVID-19 test done on day 6 or 7, at which time they may exit self-quarantine

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/travel/>

Phase 5 Guidelines

Ticketing & Crowd Management

- Consider seating arrangements that can accommodate physical distancing.
- Consider securely keeping attendee contact information.
- Discourage attendees from attending if they experience symptoms.



Phase 5 Guidelines

Venue/Facility Cleaning Practices

- Continue regular cleaning and disinfecting of all general surfaces.
- Use of Health Canada recommended disinfectants
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizing stations (minimum 60%) should be located throughout the facility.
- Portable toilets (outdoor events) must provide portable handwashing stations.

Phase 5 Guidelines

Building Ventilation

- Building mechanical ventilation system(s) should be checked before the event, and each day after, to ensure equipment is operating as intended.
- Ensure ventilation is adequate for the number of people attending, the size of the venue, and the nature of the event or activity.

Phase 5 Guidelines

Communication/Signage

- Communicate prior to the event
- Signage in the venue
- Use digital signage & social media
- Consider post-event survey



Phase 5 Guidelines

Masks

- Not required, but masks recommended
- Remember....Some attendees may want to wear masks



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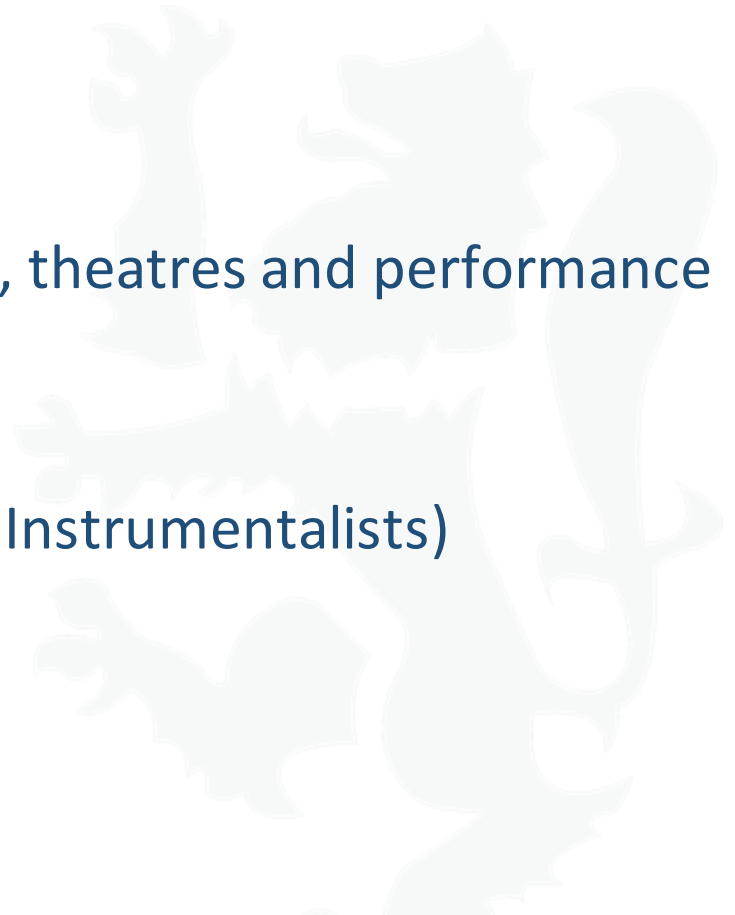


- CCTH – Events Nova Scotia
- Labour, Skills & Immigration
- Environment & Climate Change
- Public Health
- Service Nova Scotia (Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division)

Resources

<https://events.novascotia.ca/covid-19-advice-for-events>

- Road Racing Guidelines
- COVID-19 Guidance for Outdoor Events
- COVID-19 Prevention Guide for event organizers, theatres and performance venues
- Guidelines for Venues and Facilities
- COVID-19 Guidance for Musicians (Vocalists and Instrumentalists)
- Private Property Event Guidelines
- Nova Scotia's Health Protection Act Order
- Nova Scotia's Reopening Plan





Taskforce Members

- **Labour, Skills & Immigration**

- Christopher Sheppard - Occupational Hygienist
- Kelly MacRitchie - Occupational Hygienist

Environment & Climate Change

- Dana Trefry - Program Officer (Food Safety)
- Janice Gammie - Program Officer (Food Safety/Environmental Health)
- Mark Farrell - Environmental Health Lead

- **Service Nova Scotia (Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division)**

- Greg MacDonnell - Manager, Registration & Temporary Licensing





Labour, Skills & Immigration

- We administer and enforce OHS legislation throughout provincially-regulated industry sectors.
- Improve OH&S conditions through research, setting requirements, promotions of compliance, inspections and when necessary, enforcement tools.
- Top tips for events:
 - Ensure staff are aware of the COVID plan and are knowledgeable about the requirements in place.
 - Ensure that considerations are made for staff only areas to comply with the order as well as areas patrons will occupy.
 - For further information contact: 1-800-9LABOUR

Environment and Climate Change – Environmental Health & Food Safety



- We provide programming support to the Public Health Officers across the province.
- Public Health Officers issue Temporary Food Event Permits and Safe Body Art Temporary Event Permits.
- Public Health Officers can get called upon by the Provincial Medical Officers of Health team to provide inspections related to Covid-19 protocols under the HPA Order.
- Top 3 tips for events:
 - Submit permit applications early
 - Have your COVID-19 mitigation plan available for review
 - For more information contact local ECC office at 1-877-936-8476

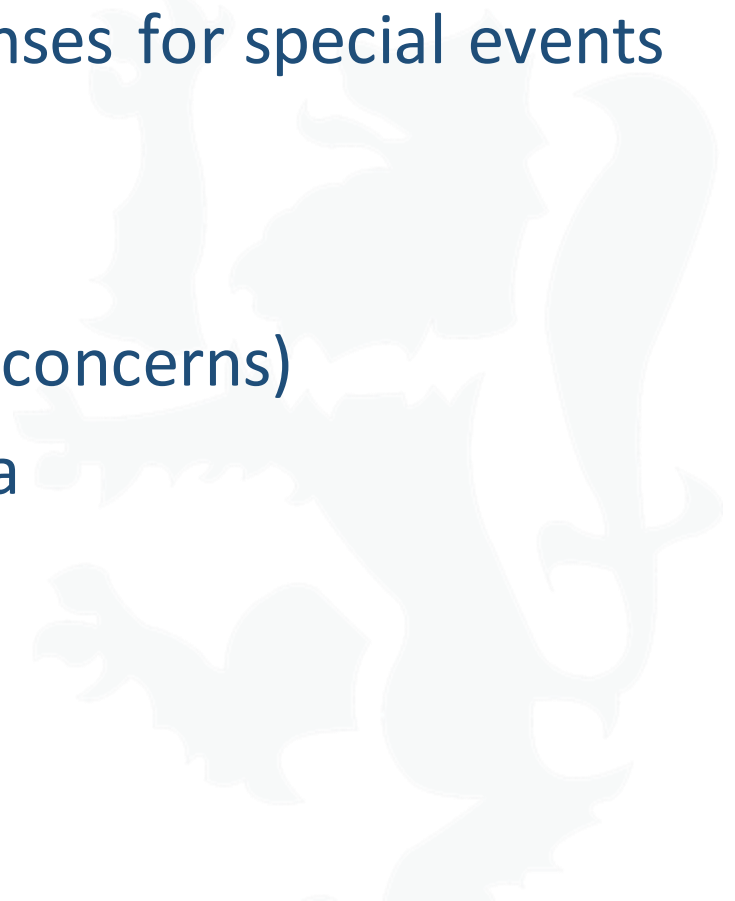
Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel & Tobacco Division Service Nova Scotia



- Oversees the application and regulation of Special Occasion Licenses needed for alcohol & lottery licenses for special events

Tips for events:

- Apply early (much easier to work out any concerns)
- Always provide area plan for licensed area
- Always provide a security plan



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**Thank you!
Questions?**

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