



# Phase 5 Event Information Session

Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage

October 21<sup>st</sup>



# Agenda

- Introductions
- Current Situation
- Planning Events in Phase 5
- Proof of Vaccination Guidelines
- POV Outdoor Events
- Food & Beverage
- Q&A's



# About Us!

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

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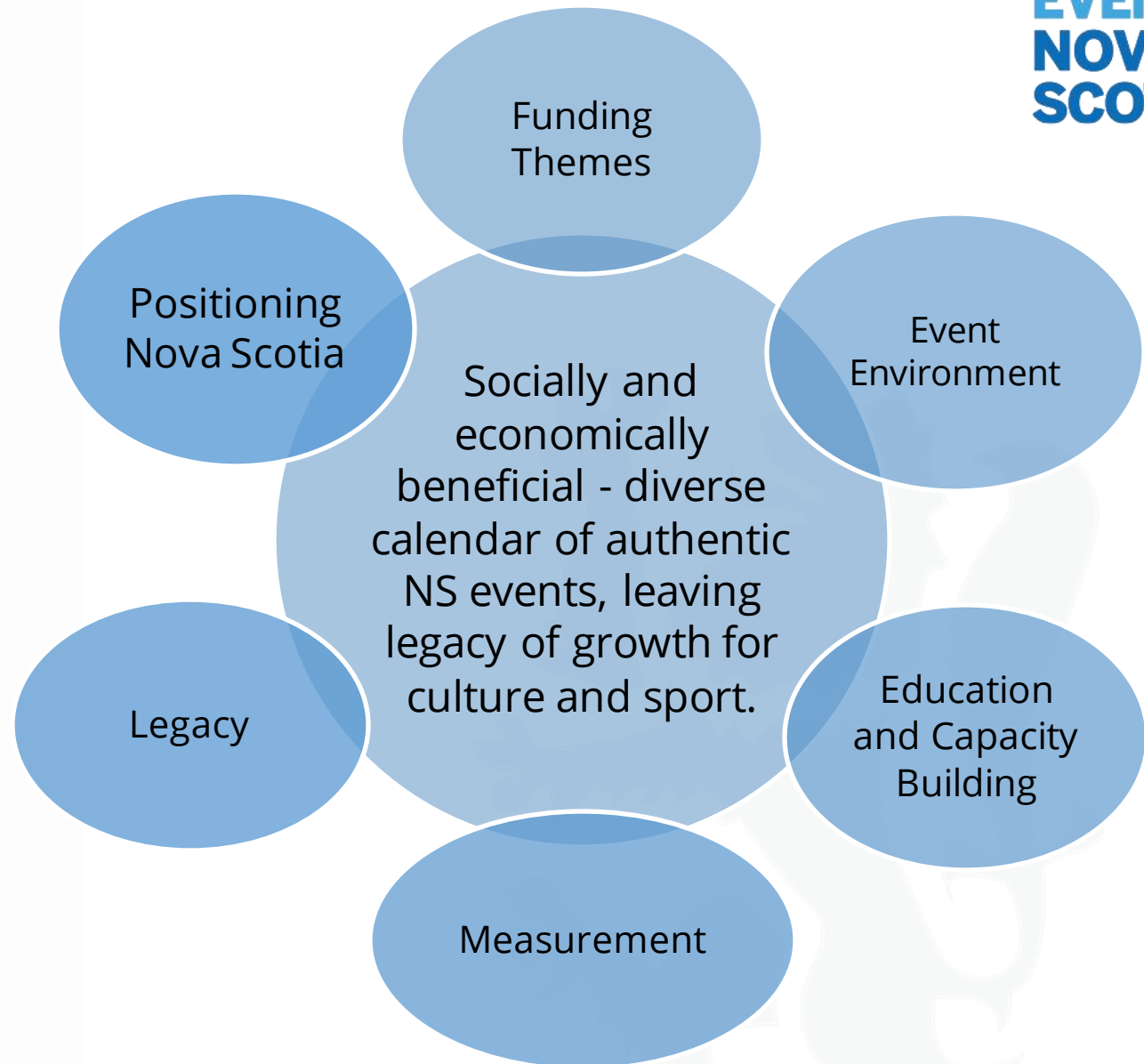
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# NOVA SCOTIA EVENT STRATEGY

## Goal and Supporting Pillars



# Current Situation and Priorities

- Events Nova Scotia focuses on:
  - Keeping existing events healthy and assisting with pivoting/adapting
  - Investing in new event ideas that operate within current health guidelines
  - Communicate guidelines and build confidence



# Current Situation with Events

## Phase 5

- No gathering limits or physical distancing required for events hosted by a business or organization. Events can operate at 100% capacity.
- Proof of vaccination required.
- Masking still required for indoor events.
- Informal social gatherings not hosted by a business or organization - up to 25 people indoors and up to 50 people outdoors without social distancing and masks.



# Workplace COVID-19 Prevention Plan

- All not for-profit, for-profit businesses, organizations and professions are required as part of their ongoing operations, develop and comply with a Workplace COVID-19 Prevention Plan, as amended from time to time, and this Plan must address the following:
  - a) how to work and interact with customers or clients;
  - b) cleaning;
  - c) equipment;
  - d) preparing employees to return to work;
  - e) preparing for customers or clients; and
  - f) monitoring and communicating of plan.



# Proof of vaccination

- It focuses on events and activities where people gather together and that are considered discretionary and non-essential. It applies to people who are 12 and older.
- Children who are 11 and younger and therefore unable to be vaccinated can attend events and activities with a fully vaccinated adult or on their own if feasible.
- There are grace periods for youth 12 and older to get vaccinated and there are exceptions for a limited number of circumstances.
- Proof of vaccination + valid gov't ID must be shown



# COVID-19 Protocol for Proof of Full Vaccination for Events and Activities



- Definition of full vaccination
- Acceptable forms of proof of full vaccination
- Checking proof of full vaccination
- Responsibility in shared spaces
- Where the proof of full vaccination requirement applies
- Employees and volunteers
- Inspection of events and activities

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/COVID-19-Protocol-for-proof-full-vaccination-events-activities-en.pdf>



# Skills Online NS Courses

Free online training course that may help businesses and organizations manage challenging situations with attendees

- Working in a Challenging Time
- Specialties: Customer Service
- Bullying and Violence in the Workplace

<https://www.coursepark.com/ns>



# VaxCheckNS



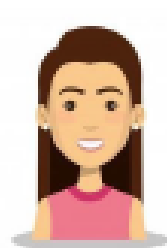
- QR code scanner app for use on a smartphone or other device to scan a paper or digital version of person's proof of vaccination.
- VaxCheckNS will be available as free download in the App Store for Apple devices and Google Play for other devices.
- Available starting October 22<sup>nd</sup>



# User Journey: digital vaccination verification



Once the **VaxCheckNS** launches on **October 22**, organizations and venues will have the opportunity to freely download the app from the Apple and Google Play stores, and use this tool to simply scan the unique QR codes on vaccine certificates to verify their authenticity and quickly determine a person's vaccination status.



Jane received all doses of her COVID-19 vaccine & receives a link to her proof of vaccine.



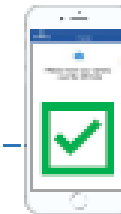
Jane receives the provincially issued & signed vaccination certificate (with QR code) which she prints or stores on a mobile device.



Jane now has her vaccine certificate where the QR code contains similar information as is printed on the certificate.



Jane **presents** her proof of vaccine by displaying the QR code for scanning along with an appropriate ID.



**VaxCheckNS** reads the QR code, verifies it originated from a trusted source, and displays Jane's vaccination status based on provincial public health guidelines.

*\* NS Visitors or people with older versions of the Proof of vaccination form may still need to follow a manual verification process\**



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View Guidelines

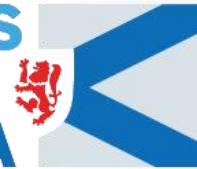
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# POV for Outdoor Events

- Events held in public spaces with no specific entry point are not subject to the proof of vaccination policy. (For example, there is no entry point to the Nocturne festival where people need to wander the streets to see the exhibits.)
- An event brings people into a single public space, such as a Remembrance Day service, with the intention of them staying in that space for the activity, a specific entry point can and should be set up wherever possible so that proof of vaccination can be required and checked.



# Food and Beverage

- Stand up receptions with food and beverage are allowed. Masks still apply indoors, but can be removed when consuming F&B.
- With adequate measures in place, buffets, salad bars and other self-serve areas can operate.
- Recommend having staff members serve food from buffet lines to patrons, if possible.
- Food should always be provided by a licensed caterer.
- Potluck style events are not recommended.

<https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/food-protection/docs/factsheet-cater.pdf>



# What Happens with a Compliance Visit?

- Workplace COVID-19 Prevention Plan
- Proof of vaccination process
- Cleaning protocols
- Mask compliance
- Additional control measures





# Resources

- Proof of full vaccination required signage
- Consent form for recording vaccination status
- Guide for participants at events and activities requiring proof of full vaccination
- Guide for businesses and organizations to check proof of full vaccination
- Skills Online NS
- Nova Scotia coronavirus website
- Nova Scotia Health Protection Act Order

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

# Covid-19 Event Planning



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

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# Next Session

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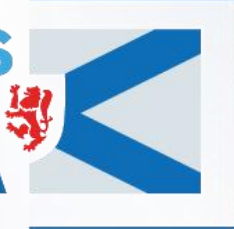
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