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PEI and Newfoundland

Leave The Atlantic Bubble

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USPA NEWS - As the stricter public health measures take effect for Halifax and Hants counties, COVID-19 continues to spike in the province. The new rules were put into place to help reduce the spread of the virus throughout the community. The new rules will last through December 21, 2020, and the results may very well control how the people of Nova Scotia will be able to socialize during the 2020 Christmas season. For complete information visit <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/county-restrictions>
As of Sunday, November 20th, Nova Scotia has 44 active cases of COVID-19 which includes 19 new infections reported on Friday and Saturday.

Breaking News: November 23rd, 2020. Newfoundland - Labrador and Prince Edward Island announced Monday that they are removing themselves from the Atlantic Bubble.

Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Andrew Furey said in a press release, "As of 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, people arriving in Newfoundland and Labrador from within the Atlantic bubble will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. This is not an easy decision, but as your premier, as a physician, and as a concerned father and citizen, I must do what I promised "" protect the best interest of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. Implementing this change for a two-week period is an effort to avoid a full lockdown. He referred to this step as a " circuit break".

P.E.I. Premier Dennis King said Monday, " All non-essential travel to and from the island will be suspended, starting at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, for a minimum of two weeks. Like all of the decisions that we have made collectively, and in the best interest of keeping Islanders safe and healthy, this has not been an easy one for us to make. I don't believe this is a step backward for us, even though we know it is a tough measure. I feel it is a proactive measure. I feel it is a preventative step."^[2]

As of news time, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have not announced any official changes regarding self-isolation or travel within the Atlantic region. So for now, residents of Atlantic Canada can still travel between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick without having to self-isolate on arriving in those provinces.

The Council of Atlantic Premiers in a statement, " The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for all Canadians, and especially our most vulnerable populations. Premiers noted that second waves of COVID-19 are happening across Canada and around the world. Given this, Premiers discussed the need for extra caution on non-essential travel in the region and agreed to monitor this closely over the next two weeks."

Police urge citizens to follow the new COVID-19 rules. Halifax Regional Police released the following statement on Social Media, "As COVID-19 cases continue to spike in Halifax Regional Municipality, the Regional Police reminds people to follow the rules and get educated on the new requirements in parts of the region, effective today. "We always start with education, but enforcement follows when necessary. Members of the public are strongly advised to educate and re-educate themselves in these public health directives and COVID-19 enforcement measures. We appreciate the efforts of everyone helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19. More information on what you can do to help curb the spread of COVID-19 is available on the Halifax Regional Police website. <https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/police/programs-services/covid-19-service-updates#Fines>
Let's work together to curb the spread and keep our community safe."

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