

**Summary for Participants**

Session Facilitated by Michèle Roussel, Department of Health, Province of New Brunswick

<p><b>Presentation Highlights</b></p>	<p><i>Andrew Easton, Executive Director of Security and Emergency Division of Public Safety</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explanation of the state of emergency and the mandatory order.</li> </ul> <p><i>René Boudreau, Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group represented here will impact reestablishing services within the province.</li> <li>- Presentation today is to ensure the best path forward to reopening.</li> <li>- Phased reopening. Regulated professions might move from yellow to orange under the two following reflections:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Professions understand the controls that are required, and</li> <li>o Professions have been working with membership to reflect appropriate guidelines</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Intent is not to develop guidelines for each sector but to have each profession outline how they will approach this new environment using the general guidance provided.</li> </ul> <p><i>Angela Francoeur, Director of Health and Safety Worksafe NB</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.</li> <li>- Adjusting and adherence under the current pandemic situation has been a collaborative approach between Worksafe NB and the employers and voluntary in nature.</li> </ul> <p><i>Jacque Savoy, Employment Officer, PETL</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amendment to Employment Standards Act</li> <li>- Emergency leave provision. Covid-19 Emergency leave.</li> </ul> <p><i>René Boudreau, ADM Department of Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key piece is the Covid19 Operational Plan. This will be a requirement to reopen</li> <li>- Will not be approved/reviewed by the Department but must be accessible if requested.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Questions</b></p>	<p>1. Will there be a clear announcement of which professions and practices are to be moved from the orange to the yellow phase of re-opening or will it be up to the professions themselves to determine which phase they fall under?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, there will be clear direction, but it will require regulators and associations to provide expertise on how things will be done. This is not a prescriptive directive. It will be up to the individual sectors to determine what is required and provide guidelines to their membership on how to carry that out.</p> <p>2. Once an association develops a set of guidelines, should it be sent out to its membership?</p> <p>Answer: Yes.</p>

	<p>3. Once a practitioner or business develops an operational plan based on the guidelines supplied by an association, is the association responsible for keeping a copy of those plans on file?</p> <p>Answer: No, the operational plan resides at the place of business and needs to be accessible at that place of business.</p> <p>4. Is there a template for such a plan?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, Worksafe NB will have a guide available. Public Health will have a guide. However, it is not prescriptive, but a guide for businesses to use.</p> <p>5. Regarding PPE usage, at this time it is our understanding that this is at the discretion of the sector. Will there be a list of specific measures coming down from the department?</p> <p>Answer: It will be per sector and according to the required restrictions, but the specifics of an operational plan will be based on the individual sector, determined by that sector.</p> <p>6. Will plexiglass barriers and other measure in lieu of PPE or as additional measures be mandated?</p> <p>Answer: Each sector will need to recommend such measures as needed for their situation within their plan. It will be up to the operator to determine what is needed or what can be accommodated/substituted while maintaining the requirements as outlined in the Act.</p> <p>7. In situations such as dental labs, where the public is not interacted with directly, what rules apply?</p> <p>Answer: This is similar to any other office or business in a lab setting. Physical distancing must be maintained as required and when possible. PPE may be needed to protect employees from each other, active screening, measures should be employed, etc. The Operational Plan should document the risks and outline the mitigation plan.</p> <p>8. What is the difference between what we do normally and what we will need to do in this situation?</p> <p>Answer. That is up to the individual business or environment</p>
<p><b>Next Steps</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional questions can be sent to <a href="mailto:robb.parker@gnb.ca">robb.parker@gnb.ca</a></li> <li>• Additional information is available by lining to the following websites:</li> <li>• <b>GNB Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Public Health):</b>  <a href="https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus.html">https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus.html</a></li> <li>• <b>Government of Canada Coronavirus (Covid19)</b>  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/national-case-definition.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/national-case-definition.html</a></li> </ul>