



The College of  
Physicians and Surgeons  
of Newfoundland and Labrador

## COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS DURING CHANGING COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS

### Notice to College Members

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May 12, 2020

The Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, under guidance from the Medical Officer of Health, has decreased the COVID-19 provincial alert to Level 4 effective May 11, 2020.

As public health measures are relaxed, the College expects physicians to exercise professional judgment in providing medical services which were curtailed. Physicians should continue to perform due diligence to determine if offering in-person services are in the best interest of an individual patient and the population at large.

Virtual care should be considered in circumstances where a physical examination is not required. The [Standard of Practice on Telemedicine](#) outlines the College's expectations when providing virtual care. As with all instances of using virtual care, physicians must exercise judgment to ensure they are able to provide quality care that is in the best interests of the patient.

Please continue to monitor updates from the Medical Officer of Health and abide by the directives and guidance issued.

The actions of physicians are critical to the success of managing the current COVID-19 public health emergency. Thank you for your efforts to date in caring for patients and supporting your colleagues during this challenging circumstance.

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