



NSTU Coronavirus Updates

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The following message is being sent to all members on behalf of NSTU president Paul Wozney

Dear NSTU member,

As you are probably aware, yesterday the government announced that public schools across Nova Scotia would remain closed until at least April 6, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Schools are breeding grounds for disease and as many health experts have pointed out, closing them is a key component to flattening the curve of infections. This was a positive decision by the Premier and Dr. Strang and we thank them for keeping teachers, students and their families safe.

Via social media, the Department of Education and Early Childhood has indicated it is exploring ways for teachers to support students from home during this shut down. As of right now we don't have any information, but as I have said publicly, the NSTU is prepared to work with government to ensure that students are supported.

Dr. Strang has also recommended that Nova Scotians limit crowds and social interaction as much as possible. To that end, effective immediately:

- All meetings/events at Joseph Howe Drive and all NSTU Provincial, Regional and Local meetings/events, regardless of location, are cancelled until at least Sunday, April 5.

- The above cancellation includes Pre-Retirement Seminars, Member Services Conference, Status of Women Conference, Local President's Conference, EIP, John Huntley Memorial Internship Program.

- the NSTU Provincial Executive will meet by conference call as required.

- NSTU's central office is closed to visitors and NSTU staff will be working from home until at least Monday, April 6.

- Essential services will continue to be available to members by email. Voicemail will be checked several times per day and referred to the appropriate staff.

- Scheduled counselling appointments will be cancelled or conducted by phone. No new appointments will be scheduled.

Please continue to check your NSTU email and NSTU official social media feeds for updates.

Stay safe during this trying time,

In solidarity

Paul Wozney
NSTU President