

Direction of the Minister of Health and Wellness under a Declared State of Emergency

(Subsection 2(2) of the *Emergency Health Services Regulations* made under Section 25 of the *Emergency Management Act*)

(EHS-001)

On March 22, 2020, a State of Emergency was declared for all the Province of Nova Scotia by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under subsection 12(1) in Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1990, the *Emergency Management Act*.

Since that time, the State of Emergency has been renewed, without interruption, pursuant to subsection 19(2) of the *Emergency Management Act* and with approval of the Governor in Council.

On November 18, 2020, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing delegated to the Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to subsection 3(3)(c) of the *Emergency Management Act*, the power to organize and direct the Emergency Health Service created under the *Emergency Health Services Regulations*, N.S. Reg.18/1970 effective July 6, 1970, including those Ministerial powers under subsection 2(2) of those regulations, until such time as the Provincial State of Emergency terminates or is not renewed.

As such, during the Provincial State of Emergency, under the authority provided to me in subsection 2(2) of the *Emergency Health Services Regulations*, **effective the date of this Directive**, I direct as follows:

1. A temporary community transition unit shall be established at the **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**, located at 335 John Savage Avenue, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The purpose of this unit will be to care for hospital residents that are no longer in need of acute care, do not have COVID-19, and can be medically discharged, however need continued personal and nursing care.
2. The temporary community transition unit will be operated by **Northwoodcare Halifax Incorporated**.

This Direction is in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*, 2004, c. 4, s. 1, and any other Directions issued under the *Emergency Management Act*.

This Direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency, including any renewal periods made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and approved by Governor in Council under subsection 19(2) of the *Emergency Management Act*, unless it is terminated earlier in writing.

Dated November 27th, 2020.



Hon. Leo A. Glavine

Minister of Health and Wellness