

Direction of the Minister
under a Declared State of Emergency
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)
(20-015)


During the Provincial State of Emergency I declared Province-wide on March 22, 2020, having satisfied myself that it is necessary for the health or safety of persons in the Province, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, **effective on the date of this Direction**, I direct the authorization of qualified persons to render aid as follows:

1. A qualified firefighter, who must be employed with Halifax Regional Municipality and have completed the training and been deemed ready to carry out swabbing under the Nova Scotia Health Authority's training program, is authorized to render aid by conducting swabbing for COVID-19.
2. A qualified firefighter in Section 1 must be under the supervision of a regulated health care provider from the Nova Scotia Health Authority at all times while carrying out swabbing.
3. A qualified firefighter may carry out swabbing as authorized by this Direction in any location within the Province.

Please note that this Direction is in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*, 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 and approved by Governor in Council under Section 19 of the *Emergency Management Act*, unless it is terminated in writing earlier.

Dated November 27, 2020.



Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing