



**NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES**

MARCH 13, 2020 - In light of the growing concern regarding the spread of the Coronavirus, NSFM is cancelling regional meetings scheduled for April and a spring conference in Cape Breton set for May 6-8.

If you've already booked a room at any of the three spring conference hotels in Sydney, you'll need to call and cancel your individual booking.

Although there are no confirmed cases in the province, NSFM is following provincial protocols which discourage gatherings of 150 people and promote social distancing.

"We want to slow down the spread, flatten the curve and protect those who are vulnerable in all our communities," NSFM President Pam Mood said Friday.

"The province relies on public health measures to minimize the impact of COVID-19 and we want to ensure we decrease the transmission of this virus."

NSFM is suspending all travel effective immediately. This applies to staff, board and committee members. We encourage members to use conference calls and Skype to stay connected and up to date.

NSFM Medavie Blue Cross Plan Members are advised to click on the buttons below for important information from the insurance provider.

We are also instituting a 30-day directive for all staff to work from home. Our small office is already set up to operate this way and we will continue to be open for business. We'll re-evaluate on April 14 and make any necessary changes to the decision at that time.

"The health and safety of our members and staff is a top priority for the organization," said Mood.

NSFM looks forward to holding its annual meeting and conference in November in Halifax.

In the meantime, all updated information is available on our website at <https://www.nsfm.ca/covid-19.html>.

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