



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
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Update on Pandemic Work Disruption Policy (PWDP)

As you know, the Minister of Health has decided on Friday, June 19 to terminate the PWDP on July 6th. The Board of Directors held an urgent meeting yesterday, June 21st, to discuss the implications and the NLMA response. We are deeply troubled by the suddenness of the decision, the lack of dialogue, and the many issues that continue to be unresolved. We have a meeting scheduled with Minister Haggie on Wednesday, June 24th, and we intend to raise our issues at that time. We will also be issuing a written response that we will share with all members.

We have reached out to all NLMA section heads to seek input on current capacity levels in each discipline, barriers to resuming normal capacity, and the likely status as of July 6th. This data is a key part of formulating our response.

We thank members for all their feedback so far. The input has been invaluable in developing our analysis and position.

We will continue to update you in the coming days.

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