



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### **Private clinic closure does not apply to Physicians, NPs**

Today, the Chief Medical Officer of Health announced the closure of all private health clinics, with the exception of physician clinics and nurse practitioner clinics. This closure applies to dentists, optometrists, physiotherapists, dieticians, chiropractors, psychologists, registered massage therapists, osteopaths, dental hygienists, acupuncturists and audiologists. If one of these clinicians is needed to provide urgent or emergent care they will be permitted to do so.

While this closure order does not apply to physicians, we encourage you to implement social distancing practices in your clinics and move to virtual appointments (telephone visits and videoconference) whenever possible. Please see below for tips that you can implement in your practice.

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