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Fredericton Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce of Greater Moncton
The Saint John Region Chamber
Chaleur Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce Edmundston
La Chambre du Commerce et du Tourisme du Grand Caraquet

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Dear Chamber representatives:

Thank you for your letter of February 18, 2022, in respect to economic reopening and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in New Brunswick.

While it has not been easy, New Brunswickers have risen to every challenge to keep themselves and their communities safe during each stage of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout this time, we have attempted to find a balance to keep our economy moving, while also protecting New Brunswickers and our health care system.

Based on advice from Public Health, the Province will be gradually removing COVID-19 restrictions, beginning with the removal of proof of vaccination requirements as of Monday, February 28, 2022. The Mandatory Order will then end on March 14, 2022.

As Public Health measures are lifted, reporting of COVID-19 information will transition to the communicable disease section of the Public Health website in mid-March where disease information will be updated weekly.

We recognize that individual New Brunswickers, including businesses owners, may wish to continue to be cautious after the Mandatory Order ends. Business owners can continue to require masking, proof of vaccination and distancing measures on their premises, and this point has been communicated publicly.

Throughout the pandemic, New Brunswickers and the business community have shown they were willing to answer the call to support the collective wellbeing of our citizens.



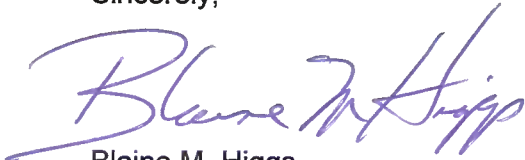
New Brunswickers have rolled up their sleeves to get vaccinated and have taken protective measures to keep themselves, and their loved ones, safe. Individual businesses have changed how they operate, putting in place protective barriers, limiting capacity and in some cases suspending in-person operations during critical stages of the pandemic. We understand this has not been simple, or easy, and required great sacrifice.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the collective efforts of the business community, specifically the Chamber network, in responding with agility, understanding and professionalism to rapidly evolving business conditions.

We also recognize full economic recovery will take time and will not be evenly distributed within all sectors of our economy. The Province will continue to monitor economic impacts, and work in collaboration with the business community to support full recovery.

While the past two years have been challenging, we have much to be proud of. Throughout the pandemic, your collective efforts and actions have made a significant difference in slowing the spread of COVID-19, safeguarding our healthcare system and our economy.

Sincerely,



Blaine M. Higgs

C.c. Hon. Dorothy Shephard, Minister of Health
Hon. Ted Flemming, Q.C., Attorney General, Minister of Justice,
Hon. Arlene Dunn, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Minister responsible for Economic
Development and Small Business and Opportunities New Brunswick