



Council of the  
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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **NOVA SCOTIA CHIROPRACTORS ARE OPENING AND ADJUSTING TO KEEP YOU SAFE**

**Halifax, NS., May 29, 2020**—The Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) announced Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3: 30pm the lifting of some restrictions placed on regulated health professionals, now allowing chiropractors to re-open their doors to patients from June 5, 2020. This directive arrives after more than two months in which chiropractors temporarily closed and limited their practices to emergency care and telehealth services only, to help curb the spread of COVID-19.

“We are ready and prepared to give people the care they want and need,” says Dr Paul Whatling, Vice-President of the Council of the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors (NSCC), “We have consulted with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr Strang and his team to ensure that we open in an extremely safe way.”

Under new guidelines and directives, Nova Scotia chiropractors can begin the process of getting back to helping patients and providing high-quality care. “Public safety is paramount as we enter the next phase,” says, Dr Janis Noseworthy, Registrar for the NSCC. “We consulted with DHW to ensure that we return to work safely by changing procedures, recommending disinfecting protocols, enhanced screening protocols and adding PPE requirements.”

Since March 23, 2020 only those who qualified under the emergency care directive have been able to visit a chiropractor. This meant many people seeking chiropractic care for their neuromusculoskeletal health have not been able to get the hands-on care they need; which has led to relapses in patients’ conditions, or a stalemate of progress.

“We will continue to be proactive in our approach as we open and resume non-emergency care”, says Dr Whatling, “Our members have been briefed and understand

how to return to practice ensuring their clinics remain safe, hygienic places to get the care they need”.

Learn more about the steps chiropractors are taking to protect your health at [knowyourback.ca](http://knowyourback.ca) you can also contact the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors by email at [inquiries@chiropractors.ns.ca](mailto:inquiries@chiropractors.ns.ca).

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## *Media Advisory*

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June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

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**Who:** Nova Scotia chiropractors can, under new guidelines and directives, start the process of getting back to helping patients and providing high-quality hands-on care.

**What:** Our clinics are making adjustments. Chiropractors across Nova Scotia are taking measure to ensure their clinics remain safe, hygienic places for people to get the care they need

**Where:** Learn more about the steps chiropractors are taking to protect your health at [knowyourback.ca](http://knowyourback.ca) or email the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors at [inquiries@@chiropractors.ns.ca](mailto:inquiries@@chiropractors.ns.ca).

**How:** What are chiropractors doing to protect your health in their clinic?

1. Introducing a new standard of sanitizing and cleaning high-use areas
2. Pre-screening patients and encouraging physical distancing in waiting rooms.

3. Using protective equipment when physical distancing is not possible throughout the clinic, which may include face masks and disposable instruments during treatments.
4. Providing areas for hand sanitization.
5. Conducting daily formal screenings for all staff and chiropractors

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If you have thoughts or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the NSCC. We can be reached by email at [inquiries@chiropractors.ns.ca](mailto:inquiries@chiropractors.ns.ca).

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