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Physiotherapy Private Practice

At this time, the Public Health Protection measures restricting gatherings and closing businesses do not apply to health-care facilities. Therefore, physiotherapy clinics and multidisciplinary practices remain open for business at their owner's discretion.

See: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/files/Special-Measures-Order-March-23-2020.pdf>

Closing a clinic or remaining open (provided appropriate measures are in use) - is an individual decision.

NLCP is cognizant of the concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19 and recommendations from public health officials. We are monitoring new developments closely. We are also cognizant that for many patients their physiotherapy care is essential to their health, well-being, and ability to function.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has the sole authority to declare if health-care facilities such as physiotherapy clinics must close. The NLCP is taking our lead from the experts in public health and recognize their knowledge and expertise in this area.

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Should all private health-care facilities close, the burden on the health system, including emergency departments, physician's offices and urgent care clinics could increase dramatically, taxing an already stressed system. Physiotherapists have a role to play in providing primary care services to Newfoundland and Labrador residents, thereby reducing this burden.

Other resources:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html>