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Premier Tim Houston
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Dear Premiers:

Thank you for your leadership during this difficult period.

I am requesting you to urgently coordinate the rules around vaccination status and have one Maritime Pandemic Strategy.

1. The NB border rules which will come into effect Tuesday night at midnight will result in several people losing their employment, ability to attend school, see their children and or receive health care in the neighbouring province. This is affecting both Nova Scotians and New Brunswickers.

2. I have received a call from a New Brunswick resident who had surgery cancelled in Halifax as she only had one dose of vaccine. The surgery cancelled is brain surgery which she deems as high risk and lifesaving.

I am requesting our provinces work in collaboration to ensure people are not discriminated against based on vaccination status and ensure that people who may choose not to receive the vaccine for their own reasons, are still able to retain employment, attend school, see their children, and receive health care services.

As a Registered Nurse I fully support vaccination to prevent illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19 virus however, recognize that there are some that are not willing to receive the injections for a variety of reasons.

We are a small Maritime Region and collaboration with one another should provide improved outcomes for our people on both sides of the provincial border.

Sincerely,

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CC: Lisa Manninger, Assistant Chief of Staff to Premier Houston