

NS HEALTH NEWS

COVID-19 DATA FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT DASHBOARD AND FOIPOP RESPONSES

The information herein on COVID-19 have been compiled by applying to the N.S. government for Freedom of Information (FOI) records. The responses are from the Department of Health and Wellness, Dr. Robert Strang's office, the Nova Scotia Health Authority, which is a registered charity that received \$2,293,000,000 from the government in 2021 to run our N.S. hospitals, the Premier's Office, and the Department of Education. Source for government contribution to NSHA: NSHA-2021-183

MORTALITY DATA

Here are health details about the people who died:
The average life expectancy in N.S. is 80 years old.
The median age of those dying with COVID-19 is 83 years old.

Those dying of COVID-19 are living longer than the average age of Nova Scotians.

Source: Nova Scotia COVID-19 Dashboard

What comorbidities (other conditions) did people have when we were told they died of COVID-19:

- 60% had Cardiac Disorders
- 54% had Neurological Conditions
- 21% had Diabetes
- 19% had pulmonary disorders
- 11% had Chronic Renal Disease
- 6.7% had cancer
- 5.6% had immunocompromised conditions

86.7% of the COVID deaths were 65 years of age or older. Source: FOIPOP 2021-01142-HEA Table 2 & 3

From March 22, 2020 to August 19, 2021 there were 5,884 COVID-19 cases and 1,473 of the people or 25% were asymptomatic – they had no symptoms.

Source: FOIPOP 2021-01575 (Table 2 & 3)

To help put the number of COVID deaths into perspective:

In 2020, a total of 9,964 people died from all causes in Nova Scotia and 65 of them were COVID. **This is 0.65%, less than 1% of all deaths.**

In 2021, a total of 10,072 died from all causes and 49 were COVID. This is 0.48% - again, less than 1%.

In two years, a total of 20,036 people died in Nova Scotia from all causes and 114 were COVID or 0.56%. **Less than 1% of the deaths in two years – during a 'pandemic' were from COVID.**

That means that 19,922 people who died in Nova Scotia in 2020 and 2021 or 99.43%, died from other causes, NOT COVID-19.

Source: FOIPOP 2022-00455-SNSIS

THIRTY THREE people died in 2020 when life-saving surgeries were cancelled throughout N.S. Eleven people have died from the vaccine. THAT'S 44 PEOPLE who have died as a consequence of the orders that were put in place by the government to "flatten the curve."

Source: FOIPOP NSHA-2020-69 & 2022-00626-HEA

NS HOSPITALIZATION DATA **Were our hospitals overflowing with Covid-19 patients?**

Between January 1, 2020 up to July 31, 2021 there were ZERO COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations at the following five hospitals:

HOSPITAL	ICU Covid	ICU Total
Aberdeen Hospital	0	857
Cumberland Regional	0	443
South Shore Regional	0	512
St. Martha's Regional	0	692
Yarmouth Regional	0	575

The following Nova Scotia ICU Hospitals **saw 2% or LESS of COVID-19 admissions:**

HOSPITAL	ICU Covid	ICU Total	% of Total
Cape Breton Health	10	1,494	0.67%
Colchester	9	1,103	0.82%
Dartmouth General	5	754	0.66%
QEII, VG; Hfx. Ifm.	74	4,608	1.60%
Valley Regional	12	589	2.03%

Source: FOIPOP NSHA-2021-109
& NSHA Copy of FOIPOP 82 Data-Updated.

The following 13 Nova Scotia Hospitals had **ZERO (0) COVID-19 general hospitalizations up to October 2021.**

- Annapolis Community Health Centre
- Buchanan Memorial Community Health
- Digby General
- Eastern Memorial Hospital
- Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital
- Fisherman's Memorial Hospital
- Queens General Hospital
- Roseway Hospital
- Sacred Heart Community Centre
- St. Mary's Memorial
- Strait Richmond Hospital
- Twin Oaks Memorial Hospital
- Victoria County Memorial Hospital

The following hospitals had **less than five (>5) COVID-19 general hospitalizations:**

- Inverness Consolidated Memorial
- Musquodoboit Valley Memorial
- Northside General Hospital.

Let's look at the Nova Scotia COVID-19 Dashboard:

HOSPITALIZATIONS BY VACCINE STATUS

AS OF OCTOBER 18, 2022

- 6% have had zero doses
- 6% have had one dose
- 20% have had two doses
- 27% have had three doses
- 41% have had four doses.

94% of hospitalizations had at least one dose and 88% are fully vaccinated.

VACCINATION STATUS OF DEATHS SINCE DECEMBER 8, 2021

- 17% have 0-1 dose
- 25% have had 2 doses
- 58% have had 3 doses

83% of 558 deaths in the last 12 months are FULLY VACCINATED.

Source: Nova Scotia COVID-19 Dashboard

HOSPITALIZATION NUMBERS IN PERSPECTIVE

In May 2021, the QEII, VG, and the Halifax Infirmary had a total of 200 COVID-19 hospitalizations. This is 10% of their total hospitalizations for that month. Ninety percent of their hospitalizations were for other illnesses or conditions. Fifty-three of those patients did not go into hospital due to COVID but tested positive on or prior to admission to hospital for other ailments or illnesses. That's over 25% who did NOT go into hospital because of COVID. Source: FOIPOP NSHA-2022-005.

There were a total of 11,627 ICU Hospitalizations from all causes up to July 31, 2021 (during 19 months of the pandemic) and 110 were COVID-19 ICU Hospitalizations.

COVID was 0.95% of the total ICU hospitalizations from January 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021.

Turn that around...99.05% of the ICU hospitalizations were for OTHER CAUSES. Source: FOIPOP NSHA-2021-109 and "Copy of FOIPOP 109 Data Updated.

In 2020 and 2021 there were between 146 and 164 incidental hospitalizations (patients who tested positive for COVID-19 on or prior to admission into hospital) however they were being treated for other ailments or illnesses. All of these were publically announced as COVID-19 hospitalizations.

Calendar Year	Total ICU Hospitalizations
2015	7,906
2016	8,300
2017	8,024
2018	8,005
2019	7,708
2020	7,306

During a 'pandemic' there were **THE LEAST ICU hospitalizations** in Nova Scotia going back to 2015.

In April of 2021 there was a reduction in the number of ICU beds from 121 beds down to 117. Four less beds for May through December is a reduction of 980 stays. Source: FOIPOP Copy of FOIPOP 82 Data Updated

OTHER NOVA SCOTIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS AND RESPONSES

In FOI NSHA 2021-185 the following request was made: "Any record, proof, document, report that an asymptomatic positive COVID-19 case is contagious and spread to others in Nova Scotia."

Response: *We have conducted a thorough search of our records but were not able to find any records responsive to your request.*

FOIPOP 2022-00110-HEA: Dr. Robert Strang said, "Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is one of the single most important steps you can take to protect yourself and others from this virus. The science is clear: the benefits far outweigh any risk associated with COVID-19 vaccines."

The 'record' that supports that this statement is true, was requested.

Response: *We cannot grant your request.*

In this CBC article, Nova Scotia to require proof of vaccination for non-essential activities, Strang said: "Proof of vaccination will help keep communities safe, ensure children and youth can safely attend school, and protect the health-care system and its providers."

All records supporting that this statement is true, was requested.

Response: *After a file search, we have located no records responsive to your application. Therefore, it is my understanding, pursuant to clause 7(2)(b) of the Act, that Health and Wellness does not have custody or control of records which would respond to your application. I am unaware of a department or agency which would hold such records.*

— signed by Craig Beaton, Associate Deputy Minister.

Source: 2021-01663-HEA

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

FOIPOP 2021-01362-HEA

Some Nova Scotia doctors received **\$64,927,585** in a government COVID-19 payment plan.

FOIPOP 2022-00085-EDU

\$24,612,000 in grants was given to N.S. school boards for COVID-19 with no requirement for receipts.

FOIPOP 2022-00106-HEA Dec 2020-Jan 2022

\$19,238,384 was paid to pharmacies to vaccinate Nova Scotians for a virus that has a 99.57% recovery, doesn't stop transmission, and was never tested to stop transmission.

TESTING

NS population is 1,007,049. There were 238,474 COVID-19 PCR tests done in 2020 and 1,347,912 PCR tests done in 2021 totalling 1,586,386 tests in two years. **1,564,643 or 98.7% of the test results were NEGATIVE.** There were more negative test results than the population of Nova Scotia. Source: FOIPOP 2022-00445-HEA Table I.

In 2020, there were 1,493 positives and in 2021 there were 18,953 positives totalling 20,446 positives in two years and 65 people died in 2020 and 49 died in 2021 which is 114 people. That's 0.55% of the positive cases died in two years. Another way to look at it: **20,332 or 99.5% of the cases survived.**

Source: FOIPOP 2022-00445-HEA Table I and Table 3.