



Statement from the Chief Justice regarding the Vaccination Status of Judges on the Court of Appeal

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The following statement is issued on behalf of The Hon. Michael J. Wood, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia and the Chief Justice of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal:

“Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal has continued to hear cases. We have been able to do so by following strict health and safety protocols consistent with the advice and guidance offered by public health officials.

As an independent branch of government, the Judiciary is not legally subject to the authority of the executive branch in respect of its practices and procedures. The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal does not routinely release information about its own internal policies. That said, the Court recognizes the interest of the public concerning the vaccination status of judges.

With this in mind, the judges of the Court of Appeal have voluntarily decided to disclose that they are all fully vaccinated.”

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