**Supplementary Funeral Guidelines, Nova Scotia**

**October 22, 2021**

In recognition of the importance of allowing families to mourn the passing of a loved one, I (Dr. Strang) am pleased to inform you that the Public Health Order, Section 16.8, has been revised to incorporate legal authority for a business or organization (including a faith organization) to host a funeral service outside the Proof of Vaccine Protocol if it adheres to the following:

1. a maximum of 25 persons attend (excluding the officiant and funeral home staff);
2. all persons in attendance wear a mask at the funeral service, both indoors and outdoors;
3. all persons (staff and attendees) who are unwell do not attend the funeral service; and
4. any business or organization that hosts a funeral service outside the parameters set out sections (a) to (c) must adhere to the POV Protocol.

Other considerations or concerns should be addressed by consulting with Rev’d Ann Turner at executivedirector@nspeidiocese.ca