



Halifax Electric Flyers Association (HEFA)



Return to Flying Plan – COVID19

December 21, 2020

The Halifax Electric Flyers Association (HEFA) is committed:

- To the health and well-being of the members participating in our hobby at the community level and ensuring a safe environment to the satisfaction of local authorities.
- To the health and well-being of guests at our flying fields.

All members of HEFA will adhere to the guidelines in this document, including:

- All current Nova Scotia Public Health Guidelines as located here <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/staying-healthy/> and at other Government regulations for Nova Scotia and for HRM.
- Maintain physical distancing from other members enjoying the hobby.
- Non-medical face masks are required while participating in club activities.

Each Member is advised that they must follow the Nova Scotia Health Guidelines and monitor the Guidelines throughout the year for regular changes.

1.0 Phased Approach to Returning to Flying:

- ✓ There are three (3) phases for returning to flying at HEFA. The phases are flexible so that RC flying can adapt should the epidemiology change within our Province.
- ✓ The Phases are identified to align with the Nova Scotia Public Health Guidelines.

Phase	Title	Comments
One	Maximum <u>Overall</u> Gathering of Five (5) People with Distancing	This includes total people at the flight line <u>and</u> in the pits. Participants are to wait in a remote location should there already be five (5) people at the field.
Two	Maximum of Five (5) People at the Flight Line with Distancing. <u>Overall</u> Gathering Limits per Nova Scotia Requirements (with Distancing)	The interpretation of Nova Scotia gathering limits are subject to change on a regular basis. As an example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Overall gathering limits are understood to be five (5) until December 21, 2020 ✓ Overall gathering limits are understood to be ten (10) after December 21, 2020 without a documented plan. ✓ Overall gathering limits are understood to increase to twenty-five (25) after December 21, 2020, if following the HEFA "Return to Flying" requirements.
Three	Normal Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Physical Distancing no longer required. ✓ Back to normal activities!!

- ✓ Common requirements for Phases One and Two:
 - Maintain the physical distance of at least six (6) feet between all members.
 - Non-medical face masks covering the nose and mouth are required.
 - Training / introductory flights are suspended.
 - Avoid the "sharing" of tools and supplies.

2.0 Scope:

This "return to flying" document covers the three (3) field locations under the HEFA / MAAC umbrella. This includes Shannon Park in Dartmouth, the Lawrencetown Gliding Slope, and the Porter's Lake Field. Further details at https://www.maac.ca/en/clubs_details.php?club_id=711



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3.0 Communications with Members:

- 3.1 All members will receive the “Return to Flying” requirements by email for review.
- 3.2 The requirements will be posted on our website and accessible to members.
- 3.3 There will be discussions with members at our fields to reinforce these requirements.

4.0 Members will avoid HEFA fields if any of the following conditions are met:

- 4.1 You have a temperature above 100.4°F (38°C)
- 4.2 You, or member(s) of your household, have any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 such as cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, chills, headache, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, or toes and extremities turning blue.
- 4.3 You have been exposed to someone in the last fourteen (14) days that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is presumptively positive.
- 4.4 You, or any members of your household, in the last fourteen (14) days, have travelled outside of Nova Scotia.
- 4.5 Members are to regularly review the list of possible exposure sites (<http://www.nshealth.ca/covid-exposures>) and if they've been to those locations during the specified times then they should follow the recommendations to monitor for symptoms or get tested and refrain from participating in HEFA activities until after they have a negative result or have monitored for fourteen (14) days.

5.0 Traceability:

- 5.1 A field access log will be maintained for traceability. Anyone participating in the hobby at HEFA must be recorded.
- 5.2 Recording your presence:
 - ✓ A sign-up sheet by the first person at the field is acceptable with new participants (printed name only) signing this sheet, which will be scanned/photographed daily by the last person to leave and sent to HalifaxElectricFlyers@outlook.com
 - ✓ A simple email from the member to HalifaxElectricFlyers@outlook.com will also suffice with the subject line “Present and Healthy”. No other details are required.
 - ✓ An email sent from home, prior to leaving for the field and sent to HalifaxElectricFlyers@outlook.com, will also suffice. Include your anticipated arrival time and confirmation that you are healthy.
- 5.3 Members are to reach out to HalifaxElectricFlyers@outlook.com should they experience any COVID-like symptoms within fourteen (14) days of participating in club field activities. The HEFA executive will then send an email to members to alert them of the possible exposure and to work with Public Health.
- 5.4 Members are to inform HEFA of any changes to their email addresses / contact information.
- 5.5 All guests are to accompany members. That member will maintain contact with the guest should communications be required.