

OPSA Briefing COVID-19



Department of Public Safety

Current as of 1500hrs, April 13, 2020

Strategic Summary

Status	Today's NB Updates
<p>Days since Activation: 68</p> <p>Days since State of Emergency: 26</p> <p>Days since Inter-Provincial Borders Closed: 20</p> <p>Total Cases Overall: 116</p> <p>Total Cases Active: 42</p> <p>New Cases: 2</p> <p>Recovered: 74</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10,000 fewer full-time jobs, 5,200 fewer part-time jobs in NB since March • NB unemployment rate 8.8%, up from 6.9% in February • Hours worked dropped 16.9%, the second biggest drop in Canada • McCain donates 20M pounds of potato products to help food banks • Canada's largest food rescue charity, Second Harvest, donates \$4.5M to community groups through FoodRescue.ca • Moncton's Martell family donates \$50,000 to aid organizations

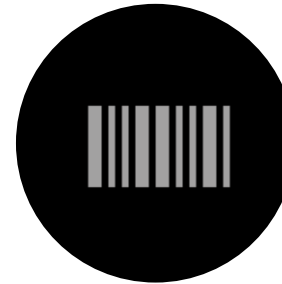
Public Confidence: NB Hot Topics



Overall Public Sentiment:
Neutral



Continued concern about the economy; no clear path to normalcy generating negative comments.



Businesses closing down seen as the new normal.
Comments increasingly focused on the economic impacts of closures.



Media discussions across Canada increasingly focused on what government leaders knew in the months leading up to February and March.

Economics Explained: Recession

Recession: period of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activity are reduced, generally identified by a fall in GDP in two successive quarters.

Recessions are usually accompanied by:

- Drop in stock market
 - Markets are currently volatile
- Increase in unemployment
 - Currently 8.8% in NB
- Decline in housing market
 - Currently anecdotal
- Reduced consumer growth and business confidence
 - CFIB reports are concerning

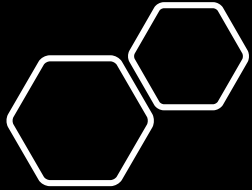
Economics Explained: Depression

Depression: A severe and prolonged downturn in economic activity, usually lasting 3+ years or a decline in real GDP by at least 10% in a given year.

Since 1854, there have been 33 recessions and one depression (1929).

Depressions are usually accompanied by:

- High unemployment rate of ~25% and continued deflation
- Lower consumer confidence and business investments
- Diminishing output and productivity
- Decrease in availability of credit
- Plummeting housing prices
- Falling currency
- Lower trade and global commerce
- Bankruptcies
- Consistent negative GDP growth
- Poverty, hunger, and political unrest are common



Public Safety: Civil Liberties Around the World

Issue 13

Source: Mainstream Media

“We are concerned about the risk of discrimination, excessive use of force and violations of fundamental rights and freedoms that have already occurred in some countries during the implementation of lockdowns and mandatory isolation.”

Global Affairs Canada

COVID-19 related civil liberties concerns around the world:

- EU Parliament warns some members are enacting legislation that threatens democratic institutions.
- Human Rights Watch accuses Ugandan police of using excessive force and targeting the LGBTQ community.
- South African police are accused of killing at least 8 people since the imposition of a nation-wide lockdown.
- Ethiopia postpones its election indefinitely.
- South Korea releases COVID-19 patient tracking data and personal information to the public.
- Apple and Google are developing contact tracing app for governments. It is unclear if there are any measures to restrict usage after the pandemic.

Daily Cross Jurisdictional Report

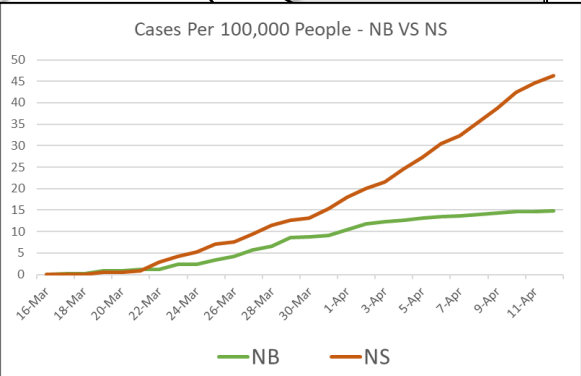
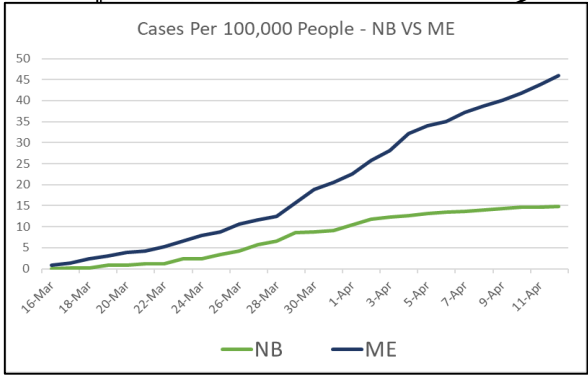
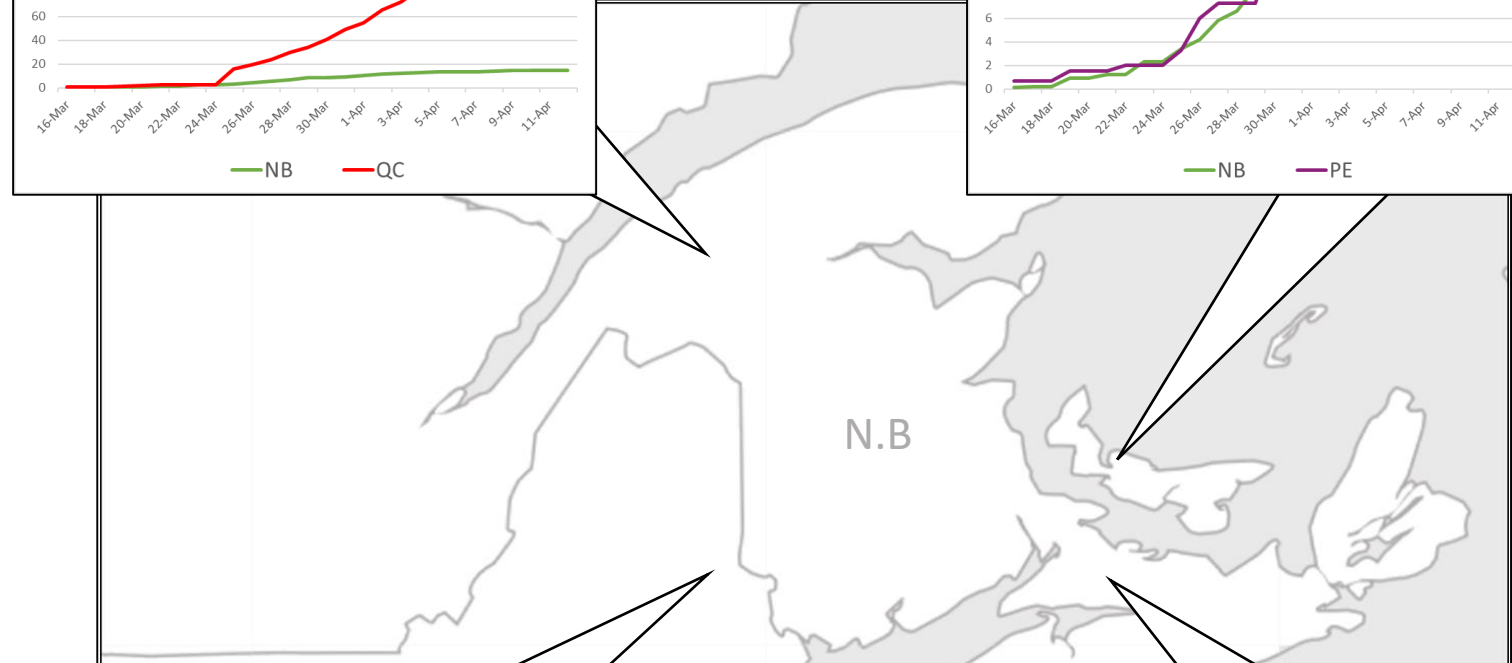
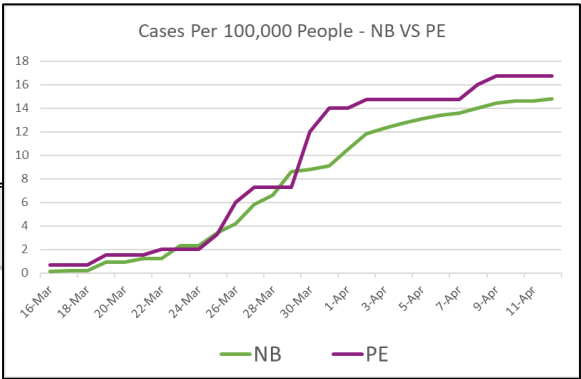
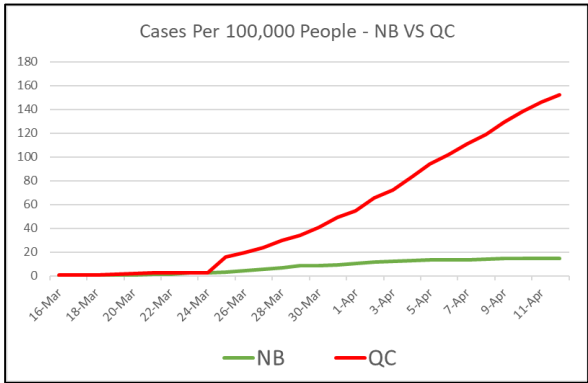
Risks Posed	Strategies to Watch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Secretary General warns that COVID-19 measures are deepening existing gender inequalities; women earn less, have fewer savings, and are at greater risk of experiencing poverty as well as gender-based violence due to movement restrictions • One of largest pork processing facilities (Smithfield), closes in South Dakota, US • Trump appears to be considering firing Dr. Fauci, top infectious disease specialist, after Fauci suggests that lives could have been saved with earlier mitigation and less "pushback" from the administration • Severe storms and hurricane season in the US could lead to evacuations and increase the risk of COVID-19 spread • Government of Canada building its own PPE supply in China • Numerous issues being forgotten by media due to pandemic, including Syria, Yemen, Australian wildfire recovery, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ottawa company announces a new, portable, fast acting COVID-19 test approved by Health Canada • To avoid additional debt, businesses call for grants and commercial rent relief, not loans from GoC • Alberta sends PPE to ON, QC & BC • PEI's Islanders Helping Islanders Day say 30,000lbs of potatoes, 3,000 blocks of cheese and 6,000L of milk distributed for free • Spain loosens restrictions • Lockdown measures may positively impact road mortality for wildlife this spring

Source: Mainstream Media

Trend Tracker: NB Borders

New Brunswick continues to maintain a lower rate of positive cases than the jurisdictions that surround it.

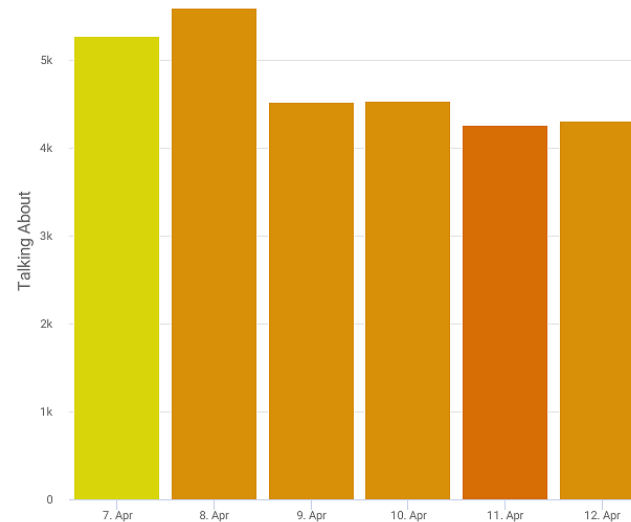
Jurisdiction	Cases per 100K
QC	152.4
NS	46.3
ME	45.9
PE	16.7
NB	14.8



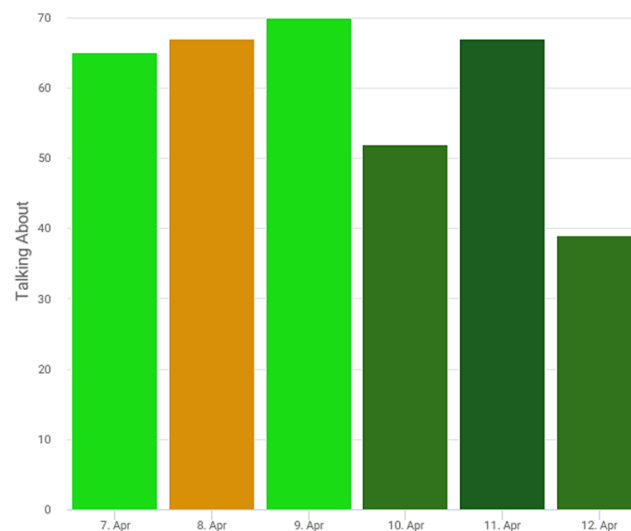
Trend Tracker: Public Sentiment

- New Brunswick comments were down over the weekend with no topic dominating discussion.
- Canada wide, discussions increasingly negative with a strong focus on the economy.

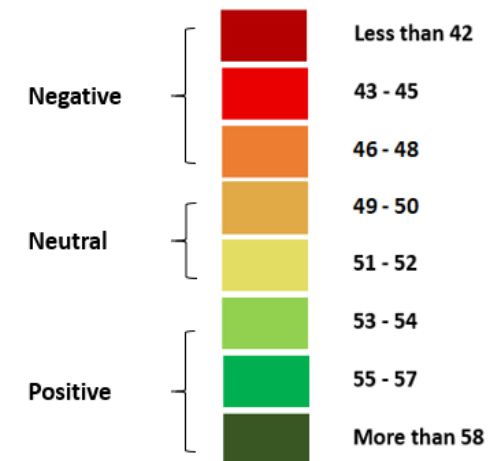
Public sentiment in Canada



Public sentiment about GNB













Legend













Source: EyesOver

Trend Tracker: River Watch

Weather Forecast: Edmundston

Mon 13 Apr	Tue 14 Apr	Wed 15 Apr	Thu 16 Apr	Fri 17 Apr
 6°C Rain	 6°C Showers	 5°C A mix of sun and cloud	 3°C A mix of sun and cloud	 5°C A mix of sun and cloud
Tonight	Night	Night	Night	Night
 6°C Rain at times heavy	 -5°C Cloudy periods	 -5°C Cloudy periods	 -10°C Cloudy periods	 -5°C Cloudy periods

Weather Forecast: Fredericton

Mon 13 Apr	Tue 14 Apr	Wed 15 Apr	Thu 16 Apr	Fri 17 Apr
 10°C Periods of rain	 10°C Clearing	 8°C Cloudy	 7°C A mix of sun and cloud	 7°C A mix of sun and cloud
Tonight	Night	Night	Night	Night
 9°C Rain at times heavy	 -2°C Cloudy periods	 -5°C Cloudy periods	 -7°C Cloudy periods	 -5°C Cloudy periods

Flood Monitoring

- Saint-Hilaire and Gagetown are forecasted to reach or slightly exceed flood stage on Wednesday, April 15
- Rainfall and above seasonal temperatures forecasted for today:
 - Upper Basin (North): 25 – 30 mm
 - Mid Basin (Central): 30 – 45 mm
 - Lower Basin (South): 35 –50mm (possibility 60 mm along the Fundy coast)
- **Weather for next 5-8 days is positive for snow melt.**
- One ice jams remains at Ste-Anne de Madawaska, has compacted and holding back 6'-9'. The ice remains in the Tobique River but is not causing any problems at this time
- Other rivers being monitored are Canaan, Main Southwest Miramichi, Upsalquitch, and the Restigouche but no concerns at this time

Action Taken

- NB EMO overnight Duty Officers remains active
- NB Power, River Control Centre monitoring the SJ River 24/7
- River Watch website and information line updated
- Risk assessment 004 issued today

Slide submitted by EMO