

Epidemics in New Brunswick: A Timeline

1834

Sept. and Oct. - The city of Saint John suffers an epidemic of cholera. The death toll is approximately fifty people.

New Brunswick legislation and boards of health push for quarantines, limiting the spread of the disease.



1918

26 Apr. - Public Health Act passes, founding the province's Department of Health. It will not come into effect until October.

William F. Roberts becomes the first Minister of Health in the entire British Empire.



1918

Early Oct. - New Brunswick experiences its first cases and, subsequently, deaths of the Spanish Influenza.

Schools, theatres, and churches close on 11 October.



1918

Nov. - While the province celebrates the end of The Great War, it also endures the height of the pandemic.

Public buildings reopen on 18 November.



1919

Jan. - By the end of the month, influenza fades off in the province. Nevertheless, public health officials and citizens are wary of another outbreak.



2020

Mar. - New Brunswick reports its first case of the COVID-19 virus on 11 March.

Public buildings, including schools, shut down while citizens stay home and socially distance.



2021

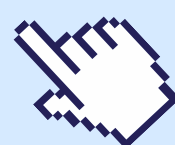
Summer - New Brunswickers begin to receive doses of various Covid-19 vaccinations and the province opens its borders to the rest of Canada.



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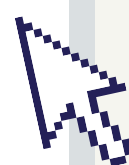
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