ISLAND, THAT'S GOING TO BE A STORY FOR YOU T THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TUNING IN TONIGHT, EVERYONE, THE NEW CONTINUES NOW WITH STEVE MURPHY.

>> ALL RIGHT, THANKS, JAYS AND MARIA AND NOW FOR THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26th.

LIVE AND LOCAL. THIS IS CTV NEWS AT SIX.
TONIGHT'S TURNING A CORNER.
ALL OF THE KEY NUMBERS FINALLY FALL IN NEW BRUNSWICK'S 4th WAVE.
DIFFERENT APPROACHES, DIFFERENT OUTCOMES.
THE TWO FACES OF THE MARITIMES 4th WAVE.

>> TREES AND TRANSIT, ANOTHER ROUND IN THE ONGOING DEBATE ABOUT HALIFAX BIKE LANES.

AND TRUDEAU 3.0.
WHO'S WHO IN THE NEW FEDERAL CABINET.

>> Announcer: LIVE FROM THE MARITIMES NEWS CENTRE, THIS IS CTV NEWS AT SIX, HERE IS STEVE MURPHY.

>> GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE, AS NOVA SCOTIA TODAY MARKS A GRIM MILESTONE IN THE PANDEMIC, NEW BRUNSWICK HAS FINALLY ENDED WHAT HAS BEEN NOVA SCOTIA A WOMAN ANDN HER 70'S WHO HAS DIED IN THE WESTERN ZONE IS THE PROVINCE'S 100th COVID-RELATED DEATH.
NOVA SCOTIA HAS SEVEN TODAY, ALL ARE IN CENTRAL ZONE.
A TOTALE CASES AND OF THOSE 10 PEOPLE ARE IN THE HOSPITAL, ONE IN AN ICU.
NEW BRUNSWICK HAS ONLY 21 NEW CASES TODAY, 89 RECOVERIES, SO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HAS DROPPED TO LESS THAN HALF OF WHAT IT WAS AT ITS HIGHEST.
DOWN TO 521 TODAY.
OF THE NEW CASES BY THE WAY, 62% ARE UNVACCINATED, 40 PEOPLE IN
HOSPITAL, 14 IN THE ICU. NO NEW DATA FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TOMORROW. BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO WEEKS, NEW BRUNSWICK IS WITHOUT A LOSS OF LIFE RELATED TO COVID TODAY. AND AS YOU'VE JUST SEEN, THERE ARE FEWER CASES AND FEWER HOSPITALIZATIONS. BUT CTV'S LAURA BROWN FINDS THIS 4th WAVE IS STILL A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH, PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH. >> IT'S THE FIRST DAY IN TWO WEEKS NEW BRUNSWICK HASN'T HAD TO REPORT A DEATH FROM COVID19. BUT IN CAMPBELLTON, THE VIRUS HAS TAKEN A HUGE TOLL ON THE COMMUNITY. >> WE LOOK AT THE NUMBERS FROM YESTERDAY, THAT WE WERE THE HIGHEST PER CAPITA IN CANADA, IT TELLS YOU SOMETHING. >> THE REGION IS ON DAY FIVE OF A 14 DAY CIRCUIT BREAKER AND THE MAYOR SAYS IT'S NECESSARY TO CLAMPDOWN ON THE 4th WAVE. >> AND WE HAD SOME YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ICU, YOU KNOW, 40 TO 49, AND THAT'S -- THAT'S ANOTHER SCARY THING. WE WANT TO SEE CHRISTMAS, WE WANT TO SEE CHRISTMAS WITH OUR FAMILY, WITH OUR FAMILIES, WITH OUR FRIENDS. SO AT THIS TIME, I THINK IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DO IT. >> THE MONCTON REGION HAS ALREADY BEEN HIT HARD BY THE VIRUS, BUT TODAY, JUST TWO NEW CASES IN THAT ZONE, AND HORIZON HEALTH SAYS THE OUTBREAK AT THE MONCTON HOSPITAL'S GERIATRICS UNIT SON TRACK TO BE DECLARED OVER ON MONDAY. OUTBREAKS ON TWO OTHER UNITS HAVEN'T SEEN A NEW CASE IN OVER A WEEK. >> WHEN YOU LOSE A LOVED ONE AND
DON’T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE TO COME AND GIVE YOU A HUG, SOMEONE TO COME AND JUST SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU, THAT'S THE SAD PART OF IT, IS WE CAN'T DO AS MUCH AS WE WOULD NORMALLY DO FOR PEEL. 

>> SHEILA CUMMINGS IS A COUNCILOR AND LOCAL PASTOR IN PERTH ANDOVER. SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, AND THE NEARBY HOSPITAL OFFCAPACITY. COMING'S CHURCH HAS HOSTED VACCINE CLINICS AND DISTRIBUTED RAPID TESTS, AND SHE'S PERSONALLY HELPED DOZENS OF SENIORS NAVIGATE THE ON-LINE SYSTEM OR DRIVE THEM TO APPOINTMENTS. IT'S ALL LED TO SOME DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS. 

>> THE MENTAL HEALTH IN THE PROVINCE IS GOING TO HAVE AN OVERLOAD, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE NURSES AND FIRST RESPONDERS AND DOCTORS AND THEY'RE GOING TO NEED THE HELP, ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH LOSS DURING THIS TIME. ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE GOING TO NEED HELP AND I DON’T THINK THE SYSTEM CAN HANDLE THE CAPACITY. 

>> SHE HOPES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING FOR THAT OVERLOAD NOW, RATHER THAN LATER. AND, STEVE, PERTH ANDOVER UP TO EDMUNDSO AND THE MONCTON REGION ARE ALL UNDER CIRCUIT BREAKER MEASURES UNTIL AT LEAST FRIDAY. WE ARE EXPECTING TO HEAR LATER THIS WEEK AS TO IF THOSE MEASURES WILL BE EXTENDED OR LIFTED. CTV? 

>> ALL RIGHT, WE’LL BE WAITING FOR, THAT THANK YOU, LAURA. CTV’S LAURA BROWN IN
FREDERICTON.
WHEN IT COMES TO BATTLING THIS 4th WAVE OF COVID19, EACH PROVINCE IS TAKING A DIFFERENT APPROACH.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HAS HAD VERY LITTLE COVID ACTIVITY TO SPEAK OF.
NOVA SCOTIA CONTINUES TO DEAL WITH SOME COMMUNITY SPREAD, PARTICULARLY IN THE HALIFAX AREA.
WHILE NEW BRUNSWICK, AS YOU'VE SEEN, IS STILL WORKING TO BRING DOWN WHAT WAS A VERY HIGH NUMBER.
CTV’S NATASHA PACE TAKES A LOOK AT THE APPROACHES.
>> WHEN IT COMES TO THE ONGOING FIGHT AGAINST COVID19 EPIDEMIOLOGIST KEVIN WILSON SAYS EACH OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES IS IN A DIFFERENT PLACE.
>> PEI’S EXTREMELY STABLE AND HAS KIND OF NO EVIDENCE OF LOCAL TRANSMISSION, NOVA SCOTIA HAS KIND OF ONGOING LOW LEVEL OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, THE HALIFAX AREA AND THERE’S A SMALL HOSPITAL UP IN KENT VIMY RIDGE. SO DOING WELL AT A LOW CASE LEVEL, BUT NOT AS GOOD AS PEI AND NEW BRUNSWICK IS JUST COMING OFFER OF THEIR LARGEST-EVER EPIDEMIC.
>> NEW BRUNSWICK CURRENTLY HAS 521 ACTIVE CASES. THE MOST IN THE MARITIMES, NOVA SCOTIA HAS 134 CASES, WHILE PEI HAS JUST 3. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEATHS LINKED TO COVID19 SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC IN PEI. NOVA SCOTIA REPORTED ITS 100th COVID-RELATED DEATH TODAY. TO DATE, NEW BRUNSWICK HAS REPORTED 111 DEATHS.
>> ALMOST HALF OF ALL OF NEW BRUNSWICK’S DEATHS HAVE HAPPENED
SO FAR IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.
>> WILSON SAYS THINGS ARE IMPROVING IN NEW BRUNSWICK SINCE THE PROVINCE PUT IN A CIRCUIT BREAKER A WEEK AND A HALF AGO.
>> AND WHAT YOU ARE SEEING IS CASE NUMBERS ARE COMING DOWN QUITE QUICKLY. BUT THE LAGGING INDICATORS OF HOSPITALIZATION, PEOPLE IN ICU BEDS AND PROBABLY MOST NOTICEABLY DEATHS ARE, YOU KNOW, DEATHS COME AFTER INFECTIONS, AND SO THOSE ARE GOING TO BE ELEVATED FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER AS THOSE CASE NUMBERS COME DOWN.
>> BOTH PEI AND NEW BRUNSWICK DROPPED MANDATORY MASKING IN JULY, ONLY TO REINSTATE IT LAST MONTH.
NOVA SCOTIA HAS NOT DROPPED MASKING SINCE IT WAS FIRST IMPLEMENTED LAST SUMMER.
Dr. ROBERT STRANG SAYS ALTHOUGH COVID19 CASE NUMBERS FLUCTUATE, NOVA SCOTIA IS IN A STABLE PLACE.
>> WE'RE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF A 4th WAVE AND IT WILL BE -- IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO RELAX AND THEN LOOSEN THINGS UP TOO EARLY.
>> STRANG SAYS NATIONALLY THERE ARE SOME INDICATORS THAT CANADA COULD BE AT OR JUST PAST THE PEAK OF THE 4th WAVE.
>> I'M CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT AS WE GET INTO, YOU KNOW, 2022, WE'LL START TO REALLY BE ABLE TO MOVE MORE INTO THIS ENDEMIC PHASE, BUT AGAIN WE'RE GETTING THROUGH THE 4th WAVE, YOU KNOW, DOING IT QUITE SAFELY AND DOING WELL ON NOVA SCOTIA.
>> ACCORDING TO THE CTV VACCINATION TRACKER, 87% OF PEI'S ELIGIBLE POPULATION, MEANING THOSE 12 AND OLDER, ARE NOW FULLY VACCINATED, WHILE NEARLY 84% OF NEW BRUNSWICK'S
AND NEARLY 86% OF NOVA SCOTIA'S ELIGIBLE POPULATION IS NOW DOUBLE DOSED.

STEVE?

>> ALL RIGHT, NATASHA PACE IN HALIFAX FOR US TONIGHT, NATASHA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> FOUR MARITIME MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE TODAY BEEN NAMED TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S NEW CABINET.

THREE HAVE CABINET EXPERIENCE. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND'S LAWRENCE MacAULAY REMAINS MINISTER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND MP DOMINIC LeBLANC ADDS INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO.

GINETTE PETITPAS TAYLOR REJOIN THE CABINET AS MINISTER OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES, AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATLANTIC CANADA OPPORTUNITIES AGENCY. SHE WAS THE HEALTH MINISTER IN THE FIRST TRUDEAU CABINET. AND CENTRAL NOVA MP SEAN FRASER JOINS.

HE'S THE ONLY NOVA SCOTIAN IN THE INNER CIRCLE.

WE WILL HAVE HAVE MORE ON THE NEW CABINET IN A FEW MINUTES AND WILL BE SPEAKING WITH DOMINIC LEBLANC IN THE SECOND HALF HOUR.

NOW, THOUGH, A FALL NOR'EAaster IS ROLLING IN, BRINGING SOME HEAVY RAIN AND STRONG NORTHEASTERLY WINDS INTO SOUTHERN PARTS OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LET'S GO LIVE TO THE WEATHER CENTRE WHERE KALIN'S TRACKING THE STORM FOR US TONIGHTS, KALIN?

OF COURSE I WAS JUST OUT THERE ON THE CTV ATLANTIC WEATHER DECK AND I COULD TELL THE WINDS HAVE PICKED UP.

THEY WILL CONTINUE TO GET GUSTIER AS WE MAKE OUR WAY
THROUGH THIS EVENING, TONIGHT AND INTO WEDNESDAY MORNING. PARTICULARLY FOR SOUTH WESTERN AREAS. AND SOUTHWESTERN NOVA SCOTIA, AND PARTS OF THE SOUTHWEST OF NEW BRUNSWICK, INCLUDING COASTAL CHARLOTTE COUNTY AND GRAND MANAN.

IN FACT, ME WEIR, PAUSE OUR GUST TIMELINE WEDNESDAY AT 7 A.M. AND SEE SOME INDICATIONS HERE OF SOME 80, 80-PLUS KILOMETER PER HOUR GUSTS SHOWING UP IN THE COASTAL AREAS IN THE SOUTHWEST OF THE MARITIMES. AND IT'S A BIT OF A PROLONGED WEATHER EVENT BECAUSE THE WINDS ARE GOING TO CARE ON GUSTY FOR THE REGION BECAUSE THEY WILL BE WIDESPREAD GUSTS BETWEEN 30 AND 60 KILOMETERS PER HOUR, AS WE MOVE THROUGH WEDNESDAY INTO WEDNESDAY EVENING, NIGHT AND ALL OF THE WAY INTO THURSDAY MORNING, BEFORE THOSE WINDS WILL GRADUALLY DIMINISH THROUGH THE DAY ON THURSDAY, AND BY FRIDAY MORNING, THEY SHOULD BE BACK TO WHAT WE CONSIDER PRETTY TYPICAL FOR THIS TIME. YEAR AROUND THE MARITIME REGION, THAT IS GUSTS BETWEEN 20 AND 40 KILOMETERS PER HOUR.

AS FAR AS THE RAIN GOES AS WELL, WE TAKE A LOOK INTO AN OUTLOOK AT WHERE THE HEAVIEST OF THAT IS EXPECTED, CAN YOU SEE THAT SHOWING UP THERE IN THE PURPLE. AGAIN, FOCUSED AROUND THAT SOUTHWESTERN AREA, PARTS OF THE SOUTH SHORE OF NOVA SCOTIA, POTENTIAL THERE OF SEEING SOME RAINFALL TOTALS BETWEEN 40 AND 068 MILLIMETERS. OTHER AREAS OF THE WEST AND CENTRAL PARTS OF THAT PROVINCE COULD PICK UP BETWEEN AROUND 10 AND 30 MILLIMETERS OF RAIN. SIMILAR RAINFALL AMOUNTS
POSSIBLE AROUND THAT SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF NEW BRUNSWICK, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE MARITIMES, SEEING MUCH LIGHTER RAINFALL TOTALS. OF COURSE, THE GUSTY WINDS, THAT TYPE OF THING, WILL WANT TO WATCH OUT FOR AS MORE LEAVES COMING DOWN FROM THE TREES. THOSE CAN BE SLIPPERY WHEN THEY GET WET FROM THE RAIN. THE POTENTIAL FOR SOME MAYBE PONDING WATER ISSUES IN THE SOUTHWEST OF NOVA SCOTIA AND OF COURSE, STEVE, AS WE TALKED ABOUT, ESPECIALLY FOR THE WEST THERE, PEOPLE HAVE LIGHT HALLOWE'EN DECORATIONS, FALL DECORATIONS OUT, THEY WILL WANT TO BRING THEM INSIDE OR SECURE THEM IF THEY CAN.

>> ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, KALIN. METEOROLOGIST KALIN MITCHELL. NICK 89 KALIN'S BACK BUFFALO WE ARE THROUGH HERE WITH A DETAILED FORECAST AROUND 6:30. THE NEW URGENT CARE CENTRE FOR NORTH SYDNEY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY IS BEING WELL RECEIVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA SAYS IT MAY BE LOOKING TOKES SPANNED THAT MODEL TO OTHER COMMUNITIES AS WELL. BUT AS CTV'S SARAH PLOWMAN HAS FOUND TODAY, THE NEW PREMIER INSISTS THESE TREATMENT CENTERS WILL NOT REPLACE EMERGENCY ROOMS.

>> A DAY AFTER NOVA SCOTIA REVEALED ITS FIRST URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE, A CAPE BRETON REGIONAL COUNCILLOR IS WEIGHING IN.

>> IT'S POSITIVE AND THAT IT WILL HELP ALLEVIATE WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE BIGGEST HOSPITAL IN CAPE BRETON.

>> MacDONALD DESCRIBED A BOTTLENECK OF PEOPLE WAITING AT THE CAPE BRETON REGIONAL
HOSPITAL.
AS EMERGENCY ROOMS ACROSS THE ISLAND CLOSED.
ADDING THIS CENTRE NORTH SYDNEY FOR URGENT BUT NONEMERGENCY CARE COULD RELIEVE SOME OF THE PRESSURE.
>> SO WE'RE VERY OPEN TO WATCHING THAT MODEL CLOSELY, AND IF THERE ARE OTHER COMMUNITIES OR AREAS THAT WE CAN EXPAND THAT AND AN EFFECTIVE MODEL WE WILL DO THAT.
>> WHEN ASKED WHETHER URGENT TREATMENT CENTRES COULD REPLACE EMERGENCY ROOMS.
>> THERE'S NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER AND IT WILL NOT BE THE CASE UNDER MY -- UNDER MY LEADERSHIP THAT THIS IS A REPLACEMENT FOR EMERGENCY ROOMS, NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.
>> DIFFICULT OR SIMILAR TO THE COLLABORATIVE EMERGENCY CENTRES.
>> CENTRES THE NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH COALITION SAYS WERE FIRST PROPOSED IN 2010 UNDER THE NDP GOVERNMENT, WHILE PARSONS IS PLEASED THE PROVINCE IS TRYING NEW THINGS, HE HAS QUESTIONS.
>> WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S PROPERLY STAFFED, IT'S PROPERLY RESOURCED.
AND ONE THING WE WOULD ALSO SEE CERTAINLY IS THE TYPE OF STAFF