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Acceptance of Donated Homemade Cloth Community Face Masks

Horizon will be accepting donations of homemade cloth community face masks. These cloth face masks will be provided to **hospital outpatients and designated visitors** who do not already have a mask and have no COVID-19 symptoms, as well as **clients in the community**.

They will be used to **supplement** the current supply of masks provided to hospital outpatients and designated visitors, and clients in the community.

This process supports the NB Public Health's directive that cloth facial coverings be provided to Emergency and Ambulatory care patients and provides an additional measure of protection in the community. The current process of providing symptomatic patients presenting to hospital a medical grade mask will continue.

Volunteer Resources will be coordinating the acceptance and distribution of these masks with Hospital Public Screening Access Points and other relevant departments and services.

Only sewn cloth masks that meet the <u>Public Health Agency of Canada Guidelines About Non-medical Masks and Face Coverings</u>, and pass the current COVID-19 Screening Criteria will be accepted. All masks received will be laundered prior to distribution.

Hospital outpatients and designated visitors, clients in the community who receive a mask, are welcome to keep it for later use. Laundering instructions will be provided with each mask issued.

For those interested in donating or receiving cloths masks, please send all inquiries to <u>Volunteer@HorizonNB.ca</u>.

Posting Suspensions Lifted

As Horizon begins planning for the return of many services, the posting process will be resuming as of May 4, 2020.

In addition, staff movement into awarded positions will resume based on the date negotiated between managers.

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All postings that were removed from Skyline will automatically be republished with the same posting number. If you had previously applied to a posting, your application is still valid, and if you had not applied but are interested, we encourage you to apply.

Since the focus of governments has been on COVID-19, PETL has stopped its language testing. As a result of this, all language testing certificates that would have expired during this time are now being extended to **September 2020**.

For postings requiring oral testing, we will be utilizing CCNB. We are waiting for confirmation from PETL on when written and comprehension testing will restart.

How do I know if I have applied to one of the postings?

Access the careers section of iTacit and select the "My Applications" tab and then click "Applied on" to sort by date. This will list all posting you have applied on, that are incomplete or were withdrawn. For your application to be included in the posting, the "Applied on" must indicate submitted.

What if I have questions about this process?

Questions can be directed to the Posting Clerks by email at Postingclerk@horizonnb.ca or by calling 506-648-7916.



GNB Updates

Public Health reported no new cases of COVID-19 on April 29.

The number of confirmed cases in New Brunswick remains at 118; the number of active cases is four and 114 people have recovered. One person remains hospitalized and there are no patients in an intensive care unit.

Recovery plan phases are flexible

New Brunswick is transitioning to the orange phase of its recovery plan, which is aimed at reopening social and economic settings while preventing a resurgence of transmission.

Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health, urged New Brunswickers to continue to maintain physical distancing and appropriate hygiene practices as the province gradually moves toward reopening.

"The phase we are now entering will be, in many respects, more difficult than what we have been through so far," said Russell. "Whether we are as successful in the next six months as we have been in the last six weeks depends entirely on you. Your actions, now more than ever, will determine what happens next."