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As we continue to work together through the COVID-19 pandemic and reintroduction of services, we are also looking at changing how we communicate with staff and physicians.

With a reduction in the amount of information required daily, we will reduce the frequency of emails related to COVID-19.

Beginning Tuesday, May 19 all-user bulletins will be sent Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and Wednesday and Friday mornings. Previously these were sent daily from Monday to Friday.

There continues to be exceptions for urgent COVID-19 related information that has been approved by the Executive Leadership Team and/or Corporate Director of Communications and Community Relations.

The utilization of Horizon-wide all-user email communication continues to be suspended.

Message from Horizon's Chief Nursing Officer: National Nursing Week

This week is National Nursing Week and amid a global pandemic, we're reminded more than ever of the importance of the roles of nurses. Each of you have played an important role with Horizon in helping keep our communities safe and healthy.

This year, we have been tested and challenged in a way that none of us would have predicted a few short months ago, but your strength and commitment has been amazing! Thank you for your dedication to Horizon, our communities, and your colleagues and patients/clients over the past few months. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and they are very appreciated.

Throughout the pandemic, I've seen leadership, accountability and integrity through your work. Teams who ordinarily would never cross paths are coming together and are stronger for it. With every new challenge you are honouring your commitment to your nursing profession and keeping the promises you made in nursing school.

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I am extremely proud to be a nurse – and I hope you feel that way, too. Many of us chose a career in nursing to help others and make a difference, and at our core, that is what nurses do.

National Nursing Week is a time to celebrate this wonderful career. When work and life get busy, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect and remember you are making a real difference in the world. Remember to look after yourself, too. I encourage you to connect with friends, family and colleagues and be there for one another as we navigate these challenging times.

Yours in nursing,

Geri Geldart Vice President Clinical and Horizon's Chief Nursing Officer

GNB Updates

Public Health reported no new cases of COVID-19 for the seventh consecutive day on May 13.

The number of confirmed cases in New Brunswick remains at 120; the number of active cases is two and 118 people have recovered. Neither of the active cases is in the hospital. There have been 18,858 tests conducted.

New Brunswick is currently in Phase 2 (Orange) of the COVID-19 recovery, which is aimed at the reopening of businesses and activities while working to prevent a resurgence of transmission. These activities include elective surgeries and



other non-emergency health services such as dental, physiotherapy, optometry and massage therapy.

"Caution is still required," said Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health. "As we continue along the road to recovery, we must do all we can to protect those who are at great risk from COVID-19. We are in this together, and we can get through it together."