

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Special Bulletin – COVID-19 – Guidelines for Zone 5 Outbreak - May 29, 2020

COVID-19 Patient Care and Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Guidelines – Zone 5 COVID-19 Outbreak

Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 in Zone 5 Campbellton/Kedgewick Areas, all patients being assessed or admitted to a Horizon facility from that area (Zone 5) will be managed as an out of province patient. This includes Emergency Departments, Ambulatory Care such as clinics, Diagnostic, Therapeutic Services and Community Health Centres.

Ambulatory Patients

As per Infection Prevention Control (IP&C) guidelines, these patients will be placed in a private room or cubicle (privacy curtains closed) on Droplet/Contact Precautions. Droplet/Contact Isolation signage is to be posted in a visible location outside of the room/cubicle. If a private room/cubicle is not available, please consult IP&C regarding patient accommodation options.

Admitted Patients

As per Infection Prevention Control (IP&C) guidelines, these patients will be admitted to a private room and placed on Droplet/Contact Precautions. Droplet/Contact Isolation signage is to be posted in a visible location outside of the room. If a private room is not available, please consult IP&C regarding patient accommodation options.

Admitted patients will remain on Droplet/Contact Precautions for 14 days from date of admission.

Public Access Screening

The active screening criteria at the Public access points for patients and visitors has been updated. An additional question will be asked regarding travel to the Campbellton/Kedgewick Areas.

Healthcare Worker (HCW) Screening and Travel

HCWs are requested to refrain from non-essential travel to the Campbellton/Kedgewick Areas. HCWs who have traveled to these Areas since **May 15, 2020** are asked to call Employee Health Services for referral for swabbing.