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**[Non-patient related work travel between Yellow and Orange zones is cancelled](#)**

As you are aware, the Government of New Brunswick made the decision this week to return the Moncton (Zone 1) and Saint John (Zone 2) areas back to the Orange level of recovery as a result of increasing COVID-19 cases in that area.

**All non-patient related work travel from Yellow zones into Orange zones is cancelled.** As well, any employee or physician who works in a zone that has been declared Orange is to cancel all **non-patient related work travel** out of their zone. Travel within Yellow zones is still permitted but all employees are encouraged to use technology wherever possible to reduce travel.

As this matter is quickly evolving, all employees are required to investigate in advance of travel whether their intended location remains in the Yellow level of recovery.

**[Requirement to abstain from working in more than one health facility in the event of an active COVID-19 outbreak](#)**

*The following information is being shared proactively, as there currently are no outbreaks declared in Horizon facilities in New Brunswick.*

Horizon wants to inform all employees and health professionals of Horizon's direction for those who work in more than one health facility in the event an outbreak is declared at a facility.

In order to prevent the spread of this virus, we ask Horizon staff and physicians to refrain from working in facilities that are not part of our network, such as a nursing home, when there is an active outbreak of COVID-19 in these facilities.

**[Active screening in Saint John area](#)**

Horizon will be commencing active screening for all employees and physicians entering each hospital within the Saint John area as of Nov. 21 at 6 a.m.

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Before entering, employees and physicians will be required to confirm to a screener that they have completed their self assessment prior to each entry into a Horizon facility and that they have not answered “yes” to any of the questions.

If they answered “yes” to any of the questions, they will be asked to call Employee Health at 1-833-978-2580 to leave a message with a number a nurse can contact them for further screening and possible referral to an assessment centre. The employee or physician will be prevented from entering the workplace and will have to notify their manager of the absence and reason.

Employees and physicians will be permitted to enter the facilities via any of the designated staff entrances ([noted below](#)). Employees and physicians who leave the facility for any reason (break, meal period, or inter-facility travel) will be required to be actively re-screened upon their return.

Employees and physicians who leave the hospital grounds to smoke are also required to be screened upon re-entry. Horizon encourages employees and physicians who smoke to take advantage of the smoking cessation resources that we have available should they wish to quit or reduce the amount they smoke.

For more information, please visit the Employee Health and Wellness’ smoking cessation page on [Skyline](#).

Facility	Entrance	Time Available
Saint John Regional Hospital	Main staff entrance	24/7
Saint John Regional Hospital	East entrance (Foundation)	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (use main staff entrance after hours)
St. Joseph’s Hospital	Purchasing and receiving staff entrance	5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. (use Urgent Care Centre phone for access after hours)
Charlotte County Hospital	Public entrance	24/7
Sussex Health Centre	Public entrance	24/7

Horizon respectfully asks all employees and physicians to do their part to reduce the amount of traffic at the screening points. Please consider reducing the number of breaks taken outside of the buildings and wherever possible make arrangements to have meals onsite.

We will do our best to ensure that the active screening occurs as quickly as reasonably possible. However, to ensure that you arrive on time in your unit/department, we ask that you factor potential delays into the travel plans.

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Horizon is taking very seriously the health and welfare of its employees and physicians. We appreciate your co-operation as we institute measures designed to help keep you safe.

#### Moncton area: Pilot project for staff and physician screening

As you are now aware, as of midnight on Nov. 20, the Moncton area (Zone 1) has moved to the Orange level of recovery. In the Orange level, Horizon is required to screen all staff and physicians who enter our facilities.

We are piloting a new process for staff and physician screening. All staff and physicians are required to enter through one of the designate card access doors noted below.

Before entering the facility, staff and physicians will be asked to swipe their ID badge, which is used as a confirmation that you have completed and passed your self-screening (including symptom check and [COVID-19 questions](#)).

The screening tool questions are posted at all staff entrances. The screener will confirm with the employee or physician that the self-screen was completed and ask that they clean their hands at one of the alcohol-based hand hygiene stations upon entry to the building.

Please note: the door does not have to be closed to read the ID badge and report that access was granted (please remember two metres of physical distancing upon entering).



We will be auditing this new process. We expect that all individual staff use their ID badges as confirmation of completing the self screen and hand hygiene. If this pilot is not successful, we will need to revert to the previous active staff screening, where every individual staff member is asked the COVID-19 screening questions before entering.

The designate doors and times for the screening process are as follows:

- Staff entrance beside Clinic A
  - 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday to Friday)
- Staff entrance beside Clinic B
  - 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Seven days a week)
- Staff entrance at 600 block
  - 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Seven days a week)
- Arden parking lot entrance (next to FEPM)
  - 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Monday to Friday)
- Nurse's residence (off West Lane)
  - 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday)

**Outside of the above hours, staff will use the main hospital entrance off MacBeath Avenue, and will be required to sign in; which will serve as their confirmation that they have completed and passed their self-screen and completed hand hygiene.**

We appreciate the support and cooperation of all staff and physicians during this time. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Dunn at [Gregory.Dunn@HorizonNB.ca](mailto:Gregory.Dunn@HorizonNB.ca) or 506-857-5598, or your manager.

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### GNB updates

Zone 2 (Saint John region) moves to Orange level as of midnight tonight under the province's [revised COVID-19 recovery plan](#).

Public Health reported nine new cases of COVID-19 today. Seven cases in Zone 2 (Saint John region), and two in Zone 1 (Moncton region).

Public Health has declared an outbreak at Shannex Tucker Hall, a nursing home in Saint John.

Click [here](#) for more information on Orange level, amended Yellow level guidelines, and public exposure notifications that are being reported in the Saint John and Moncton areas.