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ICYMI: Presentation and Q&A on Horizon's COVID-19 vaccination clinics Zoom session

This morning, a discussion on Horizon's COVID-19 vaccination clinics was held with staff and physicians on Zoom.

Jean Daigle, VP Community, provide an update on Horizon's community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinics and our role in New Brunswick's COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan, followed by a question and answer session.

If you weren't able to attend, you're invited to watch [this](#) recorded version of Jean's presentation.

A huge **thank you** to the Jean for his time and knowledge, and to all those participants who took the time to ask questions.

Precautions related to the Edmundston Area (Zone 4)

Droplet / contact precautions

In response to the increase in number of positive COVID-19 cases identified in the Edmundston area (Zone 4) all patients presenting to Horizon facilities from this area will be managed under Droplet/Contact precautions.

Patient and visitor screening tool

As well, the screening questions for patients and visitors have been updated and can be accessed [here](#).

All updated posters are available on the [Coronavirus Skyline page](#).

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Limit travel between units

Even though all Horizon zones are now in Yellow Phase, to continue to help reduce the spread of the virus, we are reminding staff and physicians to continue to limit their travel between units in Horizon facilities. Employees and physicians should not be on any unit for any reason, unless it is the unit where they're assigned to work.

Employee and physicians are also reminded that they are not permitted to visit patients (for non-work-related purposes) within any Horizon facility during regular work hours. Outside of work hours, employees and physicians are reminded to follow normal patient visitor protocols and to enter the building through the visitor screening area.

Please note that this reminder to reduce any unnecessary travel within a facility also includes indoor walking groups and routes.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Self-screening reminder

We want to remind all employees and physicians of the importance of remaining familiar with the screening questions. The questions and signage for employees and physicians can be accessed [here](#).

Remember:

- Employees and physicians are required to self screen prior to leaving home for their shift.
- Once at the facility, employees and physicians must swipe their ID badge.
- Employees and physicians who leave the facility for any reason (break, meal period, to smoke, or interfacility travel) will be required to self screen upon their return.

Employee Health is available daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to answer any questions or concerns please call 1-833-978-2580 and leave a voicemail and your call will returned within two hours.

Need for clinical and non-clinical resources at COVID-19 vaccination clinics

Horizon is still looking for clinical and non-clinical human resources to support upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics. From screening, registration and wayfinding to immunizing and recovery – there are a variety of roles to fill.

To efficiently immunize our population, we are building a strong and committed workforce dedicated to COVID-19 vaccination clinics, while also maintaining services in our hospitals and community sites.

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In addition to our staff, we are extending our search to retired nurses, nursing students, non-practicing nurses, respiratory therapists, paramedics and physicians to fill clinical roles.

To assist with this effort, the Nurses Association of New Brunswick in collaboration of the Government of New Brunswick is [waiving registration fees](#) to **renew nursing licenses**. They can be renewed in three-month intervals. All immunizers must be licensed.

The Redeployment Centre is active to redeploy staff affected by a service slow down or closure to an area of high need and to staff those services impacted by an increase in service needs during our pandemic response such as a vaccination clinic.

If you are working part-time or casual and looking to pick up extra shifts to assist in these areas or are working full-time and affected by a service slow down, please speak to your manager. Your manager can add your name to the redeployment tracker with the number of shifts you are available to help with.

Ideally immunizers will commit to a three-month term, while other positions may be more flexible. This is due to the training involved in preparing for the clinics which includes medical directive requirements and four online modules for which you will be granted four hours of education time.



We are also recruiting for non-clinical (administrative) positions like screening, registration, wayfinding, recovery, and runners. The process for redeployment is the same as for clinical positions, please talk to your manager.

All the positions are paid and if travel is required, you will be reimbursed. If you know someone who is not employed by Horizon that is interested and available to provide on-site support during COVID-19 vaccination clinics, please share this link with them:

<https://interceptum.com/s/en/PandemicSupport>

GNB Update

Public Health reported 12 new cases of COVID-19 today, two cases in Zone 1 (Moncton region), and 10 cases in Zone 4 (Edmundston region).

The provincial government announced today people 75 and older, rotational workers, regular cross-border commuters and truck drivers are now eligible to book an appointment at a pharmacy for a COVID-19 vaccine. This week, staff from high schools provincewide will have the opportunity to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.