

Bulletin #145: COVID-19 Information

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As of 12 a.m. on Wednesday, May 26, the outbreak at Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital or Pavilion, Veterans Health Unit, or Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation will be declared over.

As a result, COVID-19 screening criteria has been updated and you are no longer required to contact Employee Health if you had been to these facilities on May 10 or 11.

We will return to self-screening for all employees and physicians on the DECRH Campus as of 6 a.m. on May 26, 2021.

An outbreak in a location the size of the DECRH Campus could have had very significant impacts on our organization. However, the diligence exercised by our staff and physicians by wearing appropriate PPE, performing hand hygiene, and maintaining physical distancing truly helped reduce this risk of impact.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all employees and physicians at the DECRH Campus for their

extraordinary efforts over the past two weeks. Your heightened efforts in the face of this outbreak were appreciated.

Effective tomorrow, inpatient visits will resume between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., with patients able to welcome ONE healthy visitor at a time.

Please review the screening questions [here](#). All updated posters are available on the [Coronavirus Skyline page](#). If you answer yes to any of the questions, you are not to enter the facility. You must contact Employee Health at 1-833-978-2580 for further screening and possible referral to a COVID-19 assessment centre.

Employee Health and Wellness is available daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to answer any questions or concerns – please call **1-833-978-2580**.

Updated screening criteria for patients and visitors

The screening criteria for patients and visitors to all Horizon facilities has been updated. When the outbreak at Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital (DECRH) campus is over on May 26, updated screening criteria for all facilities can be accessed [here](#).

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[RN & LPN Temporary Job Postings removed from Skyline](#)

As many of you are aware, Horizon is experiencing challenges related to LPN and RN vacancies. In order to provide some stability as we assess next steps, it has been decided that, effective immediately, all temporary LPN and RN classification positions will be removed from Skyline. The removed postings will be republished once Horizon's staffing situation improves and any interested employees are encouraged to apply at that time.

Employees will be able to apply for permanent postings, however, please note that the ability to release an employee to her/his/their new position will be dependent upon operational needs.

We appreciate that this decision will impact staff who are hoping to trial work in other units and departments. However, we hope that by slowing some of the movement throughout Horizon we will be better able to respond to the current staffing shortage.

[Update to influenza testing](#)

Public Health has been continuously monitoring influenza during the COVID-19 outbreak to ensure that cases aren't missed or mistaken. However, the high-risk season for influenza is coming to an end and the surveillance process for influenza will be lightened until the beginning of the 2021-2022 high-risk influenza season.

- Sentinel influenza testing on COVID specimens will be discontinued as a regular process.



- Influenza detection PCR will still be done on request or as part of a respiratory panel, but no surveillance test will be performed.
- The combined GeneXpert rapid test for COVID and Influenza will not be done if the request is for COVID only. They will be replaced by a COVID only test.
- Influenza detection PCR will be performed 3 times a week instead of every day.

[GNB update](#)

Public Health reported nine new cases of COVID-19 today, six cases in Zone 1 (Moncton region) and three in Zone 3 (Fredericton region). The number of active cases is 134.

Vaccine update

More than 55 per cent of the province's population over the age of 12 have now received at least one dose of a vaccine.

More than 60,500 people were vaccinated in New Brunswick last week.

Exposure notifications

Public Health has identified a potential public exposure to the virus at the following locations and dates in Zone 1 (Moncton region):

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- Extreme Windows, 80 Loftus St., Moncton, on **Tuesday, May 18, Wednesday, May 19, Thursday, May 20** and **Friday, May 21** between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Subway, 100 Morton Ave., Moncton, on **Wednesday, May 19** between 8:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
- TD Bank, 525 Regis St., Dieppe, on **Saturday, May 22** between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Public Health has also identified a potential public exposure to the virus at the following locations and dates in Fredericton:

- Aldo Shoes, 1381 Regent St., on **Wednesday, May 19**, between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Le Château, 1381 Regent St., on **Wednesday, May 19**, between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Lawtons Drugs, 1381 Regent St., on **Wednesday, May 19** and **Thursday, May 20**, between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Costco, 25 Wayne Squibb Blvd., on **Friday, May 21**, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Dollarama, 1033 Prospect St., on **Friday, May 21**, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Giant Tiger, 1160 Smythe St., on **Friday, May 21** between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The full GNB news release is available [here](#).

