

Updated Visitor Guidelines at Hospitals and Health Care Facilities: Path to Green Phase 2

Effective: July 15, 2021

- Horizon has updated its COVID-19 visitation guidelines based on direction from its Infectious Disease (ID) and Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) team. Our primary focus continues to be ensuring the health and safety of our patients and clients, staff, physicians and communities.
- Domestic (Canadian) and international visitors from outside the extended Atlantic Bubble can visit patients in Horizon hospitals and health care facilities as of July 15, 2021. Visitation guidelines are based where a visitor is travelling from and whether or not they have been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- The extended Atlantic Bubble includes New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Avignon and Témiscouata regions of Quebec and Listuguj First Nation in Quebec.
- Before entering, **Canadian and international visitors** from outside the extended Atlantic Bubble who wish to visit a patient in a Horizon hospital or health care facility must:
 - provide **proof of vaccination with two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine**, and it must be at least 14 days after their second dose;
 - provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test result prior to visit;
 - agree to be tested again on days 5 and 10;
 - provide **proof of approval to travel to New Brunswick** through the [New Brunswick Travel Registration Program](#);
 - provide **personal identification (ID)** that matches their vaccination record; and
 - follow New Brunswick Public Health (PH) measures and Horizon Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) policies, such as: monitoring themselves for COVID-19 symptoms before each visit, wearing a mask at all times, maintaining physical distancing and cleaning their hands frequently.
- Before entering, **anyone from a higher risk area within the extended Atlantic Bubble** (i.e. an increase in COVID-19 cases) who wishes to visit a patient in a Horizon hospital or health care facility must:



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 - provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test result prior to visit;
 - agree to be tested again on days 5 and 10;
 - provide **personal identification (ID)** that matches their vaccination record; and
 - follow New Brunswick Public Health (PH) measures and Horizon Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) policies, such as: monitoring themselves for COVID-19 symptoms before each visit, wearing a mask at all times, maintaining physical distancing and cleaning their hands frequently.
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- Anyone from outside the extended Atlantic Bubble who wishes to visit a patient in a Horizon facility who cannot provide proof they are fully vaccinated may visit 14 days after entering the province. They must be asymptomatic, and follow all PH and IPC guidelines. No further testing is required.
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- New Brunswick accepts any COVID-19 vaccine accepted by the Government of Canada:
 - 2 doses of vaccines manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (any combination); or
 - 1 dose of vaccine manufactured by Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).
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- Horizon has also updated its visitation guidelines for compassionate visitation for visitors from outside the extended Atlantic Bubble.
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- For more information on all of these guidelines, please review the [standard operating procedures on Skyline](#) and direct visitors and patients to HorizonNB.ca.
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