

# Bulletin #173: COVID-19 Information

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### COVID-19 Bulletin



#### **No visitors at Horizon hospitals and health care facilities**

*The following Public Service Announcement will be shared with media this afternoon*

Due to the high number of COVID-19 transmissions and hospitalizations across New Brunswick, Horizon Health Network (*Horizon*) has implemented enhanced visitor restrictions.

**Effective Friday, Oct. 8**, there will be **NO VISITORS ALLOWED** at Horizon hospitals and health care facilities.

"The safety of patients, clients, staff and physicians remains our number one priority," said Dr. John Dornan, Horizon's interim President and CEO. "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic our guidelines have limited the risk of COVID-19 in our facilities. By limiting the number of people in our facilities through visitor restrictions, we are reducing the chance of COVID-19 infecting our patients, clients, staff and physicians."

Some exceptions are in place for certain patients, including patients who are eligible for a designated support person (DSP). All DSPs must:

- Monitor for COVID-19 symptoms before each visit. Symptomatic persons are NOT permitted.
- Take part in active screening before entering.
- Wear a mask, wash their hands and only go to their loved one's room.

The following patient populations are eligible for a DSP:  
End of Life - Palliative Care

- Obstetrics (Labour and Delivery, Postpartum)
- Neonatal
- Intensive Care/Critical Care Units
- Pediatrics
- Patients who have been in hospital for 14 days or longer
- Patients with intellectual / communication impairments (cognitive impairment leading to agitation and inability to console; communication impairment which affects care)

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As well, patients visiting an Emergency Department and outpatient clinics who require assistance may have one support person only.

## Horizon's hospitals and health care facilities included in these restrictions are:

- [Charlotte County Hospital](#) in St. Stephen
- [Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital](#) in Fredericton
- [Grand Manan Hospital](#)
- [Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph](#) in Perth-Andover
- [Miramichi Regional Hospital](#)
- [Oromocto Public Hospital](#)
- [Sackville Memorial Hospital](#)
- [Saint John Regional Hospital](#)
- [St. Joseph's Hospital](#) in Saint John
- [Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation](#) in Fredericton
- [Sussex Health Centre](#)
- [The Moncton Hospital](#)
- [Upper River Valley Hospital](#) in Waterville



### Vaccination documentation drop-in sessions

We would like to inform all staff that we are hosting drop-in sessions where you can meet with an Employee Health delegate to record your COVID-19 immunization status if you are unable to meet with your manager.



Please bring your employee ID badge and a copy of your COVID-19 immunization record or a screenshot from your My Health account.

Stay tuned as we will be adding additional sessions as necessary.

### Upcoming drop-in availability

#### **Miramichi Regional Hospital – Highland Theatre**

- Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### **The Moncton Hospital - Theatre A**

- Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 12 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### **Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital – Room 155 (formerly Organizational Learning, look for posters)**

- Oct. 12 from 12 to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 13 from 12 to 8 p.m.

#### **Saint John Regional Hospital – Level 1 Theatre**

- Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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## **Health care workers (HCWs) working in outbreak facilities / units**

As you are aware, New Brunswick is seeing an increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases. In order to prevent the unintentional spread of COVID-19, the following HCW restrictions are in place for those working in an outbreak facility or a patient care unit in an outbreak:

- HCWs refrain from working in health facilities external to Horizon where an outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared. This would include nursing homes, special care homes, other adult residential facilities, etc.
- The number of HCWs caring for COVID-19 patients should be minimized whenever possible.
- HCWs should be cohorted to work only with COVID-19 patients whenever possible.
- HCWs should be assigned to work in their primary workplace (more than 50% of their time) and not work in multiple facilities.

Please note that employees are still permitted to work at multiple Horizon facilities.

For employees and physicians who currently work in an adult residential facility where there is an outbreak of COVID-19, please contact your manager.

Please visit the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline Page](#) for COVID-19 information.

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