

Bulletin #9: COVID-19

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Further to [Bulletin #7a – COVID-19 – Corporate Update – Mar 22, 2020](#), Megamation is back online for submitting work orders to Facilities, Engineering and Property Management (maintenance).

Please note, if you are submitting a COVID-19 related request please select “Covi-19” in the work order type as these requests are tracked separately.

[Fredericton: Second assessment site set-up](#)

A second COVID-19 Community Assessment Centre is now open in Fredericton. The site is located at the Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre, located at 339 King St., and is by appointment only.

[Upper River Valley \(Hartland\): assessment site now open](#)

The COVID-19 Community Assessment Centre for Upper River Valley is now open at its new location at the rear of the Hartland Town Hall, located at 21 Orser St, by appointment only.

The temporary assessment centre at Tobique Valley Community Health Centre is now closed.

[COVID-19 GNB Updates](#)

No new cases of Covid-19 were reported today in the province. Currently, New Brunswick has 17 cases – nine presumptive and eight confirmed.

All cases are related to international travel or to a confirmed case that has travelled outside the province.

The laboratory at the Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre in Moncton is now able to give final confirmation of any tests completed in New Brunswick, without the necessity of sending them to the national laboratory in Winnipeg.

A toll-free information line and email address has been set up to help answer non-health related questions, including questions about compliance with the state of emergency. The number, 1-844-462-8387, is operational seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The email address is helpaide@gnb.ca. Concerns about workplace safety should continue to be directed to WorkSafeNB.

Today, a limited number of Service New Brunswick centres have reopened to provide essential services, listed on the Service New Brunswick Website, that cannot be provided online or through Teleservices.

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The Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH) endorses the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) document “Infection prevention and control for coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Interim guidance for acute healthcare settings”. The guidance is also applicable to those settings within the community, and home settings.

Everyone has a role to play to reduce the impacts of COVID-19. Our health system plays an essential role in the stewardship of our supply and responsible use of PPE to ensure that healthcare workers have appropriate PPE when needed for specific medical procedures.

Following the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) guidance produced by PHAC’s National Advisory Committee will allow our health system to protect both our healthcare workers and the health of Canadians. Effective IPC is about the right use, at the right time, in the right way of multiple measures, including PPE, as a key line of defense.

Therefore, all health care staff within acute care, community and home settings should continue to practice as per their routine policy for IPC and for situations where COVID-19 is suspected; implement droplet contact precautions.

There are basic steps a health care organization can take to help prevent the introduction or spread of viral infections like COVID-19:

- Reinforce routine handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
- Follow routine environmental cleaning and disinfection policies paying extra attention to high touch surfaces and use appropriate cleaners.