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[COVID-19 Clinical Order Sets Released](#)

Please be advised that a regional clinical order set for the admission of COVID-19 adults has been posted to skyline: [Regional COVID-19 Adult Admissions PPO-AMS-40031](#)

Please be advised that there were minor edits to the previously posted clinical order set for the admission of COVID-19 pediatrics, and it has been reposted: [Regional COVID-19 Pediatric Admissions PPO-PEDS-40029](#)

Remember to check our Skyline announcement page for all other COS announcements at [COS ANNOUNCEMENTS](#) and contact us for assistance at clinicalordersets@horizonnb.ca.

[Q&A Patient Personal Items and Staff Food](#)

To further reduce the potential for community transmission of COVID-19 to our patients and staff, restrictions have been put in place in relation to personal items dropped off for patients and brought in by designated visitors and food for health care workers.

More information on these restrictions is available in a questions and answers document [linked here](#).

[Horizon's Updated Visitor Restrictions](#)

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, no visitors are allowed in Horizon facilities.

Except ONE healthy visitor for:

- Palliative Patients
- Intensive Care, Critical Care and Neonatal Intensive Care
- Labour and Birth and Post Partum Patients
- Pediatrics

Discharge (ONE healthy individual allowed to pick up discharged patients.)

For Emergency Departments:

ONE support person ONLY for patients requiring assistance. Only ONE person per pediatric patient is allowed. (Parent or caregiver only.)

For Outpatient Departments:

ONE support person ONLY for patients requiring assistance.

We reserve the right to further restrict visitation as the COVID-19 situation evolves.

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Self-Isolation Following Interprovincial Travel

It is crucial that as New Brunswickers and as employees of Horizon we heed the direction from Government to practice social distancing and refrain from personal (i.e. non-work-related) travel out of the province.

Our ability to successfully “flatten the curve” will have a direct impact on the health and safety of our colleagues and on the citizens of New Brunswick.

As has been communicated by both Government and Horizon, individuals who leave New Brunswick for non-work-related reasons are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon their return.

The granting of vacation time, time owed, and pro-rated leaves must be approved in advance and is based on operational requirements. Given the current situation with the pandemic, very few requests for leave are being granted and employees are encouraged to cancel pre-approved vacation leaves.

Please be advised that as of April 9, 2020, employees who choose to leave New Brunswick for personal reasons and who are therefore required to self-isolate for 14 days upon their return, will no longer be permitted to use vacation, time owed, or prorated leave. These employees will be placed on an unpaid leave of absence for the duration of their self-isolation.

Employees who are currently receiving vacation time, time owed, or pro-rated leave will be permitted to continue to receive payment in this manner for the duration of their current self-isolation.

Direction to Staff Responding to Emergency Codes

Please familiarize yourself with changes in access and egress within the facility and special considerations when entering COVID-19 renovated areas.

Follow the infection prevention and control guidelines in the area where the code is called; wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

You are encouraged to attend PPE refresher training and complete any required e-learning programs.

Continue to respond to codes as per normal practice; any changes in response will be communicated to you through your Executive Director or local site manager.

Take direction from the Facility Duty Officer or Code Warden.

Extended School Closure

The provincial government recently extended the state of emergency for an additional two weeks and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) announced that schools will remain closed to students for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Daycares remain closed to the general population, remaining accessible only to the children of essential workers.

In light of these developments, I want to provide an update on some of the exceptional measures currently in force.

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Childcare responsibilities

The following measures for employees requiring care *is extended until April 24, 2020*:

- As a first step, we ask that you attempt to the best of your ability to make alternate childcare arrangements.
- As a second step, if you are unable to make alternate childcare arrangements, we ask that you work from home if you have the approval of your manager. We know that your ability to work from home will also depend greatly on the level of care your child or children require.
- As a third step, parents who require early learning and child care are directed to contact the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development on how to access child care services through their Parent Portal or by calling 1-833-221-9339.
- As a last step, where employees are unable to make alternate childcare arrangements, cannot work from home, and cannot access early learning and child care services they will be provided with leave with pay.

Among the other options to allow you to report to work, your work schedules may be modified and adapted to your situation.

In addition, if it is shown that you do not take the necessary measures to find a place in daycare, appropriate administrative measures will be taken, such as the application of unpaid leave of absence.

We recognize how challenging it is for many of us to balance work and parenting during these extraordinary times. Please remember to take

care of yourself, your loved ones and remember that [EFAP resources](#) are available to help.

We will continue communicating significant developments as we monitor events. Stay informed by checking the coronavirus [website](#) regularly for up to date information.

[COVID-19 and the New Brunswick Human Rights Act](#)

As the New Brunswick government introduces exceptional measures to contain and combat the spread of COVID-19, the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission (NBHRC) reminds all New Brunswickers that certain population groups, including, but not limited to, seniors, persons with disabilities, racial minorities, and persons disadvantaged by their socioeconomic condition, could suffer harsher adverse impact of these measures.

The NBHRC reminds government departments, employers, service providers, and all other stakeholders currently developing emergency response plans, that we all have a responsibility to ensure that the rights of vulnerable population groups are duly protected in these response measures.

The NBHRC has developed a series of questions and answers [available here](#) to help you understand your rights and obligations under the New Brunswick Human Rights Act during the COVID-19 pandemic. These questions and answers cover the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees, tenants and landlords, and providers and users of services.

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GNB Update

The provincial government has released COVID-19 modelling, showing the impact that actions by government and all New Brunswickers can have in a few scenarios.

These projections indicate that, with no public health measures, New Brunswick could have had up to 5,600 deaths over the course of the current outbreak. With the public health measures now in place – and adhered to by the public – the number of deaths could range from 550 to 1,750.

While there have been no COVID-19 deaths in the province to date, Health Minister Hugh J. Flemming emphasized that the eventual number of deaths is entirely dependent on the efforts that all New Brunswickers take to slow the spread of the virus.

“One death is one too many, but we must be realistic and expect that there will be deaths from COVID-19 in New Brunswick,” said Flemming. “Limiting the number of deaths requires that everyone follow the direction of the chief medical officer of health by staying home and maintaining physical distance from others when you have to go out.”

The pandemic modelling was developed by staff from the Department of Health, Public Health and the regional health authorities. Facts about the modelling:

- The scenarios are based on the experience of northern Italy, as a case where a large impact has been experienced, and on all of Italy, as a medium-impact scenario.
- The scenarios show potential outcomes up to April 30, beyond which projections become less reliable.

- In the large-impact scenario, New Brunswick could experience up to 132 deaths by the end of April; under the medium-impact scenario, the figure is estimated at 70 deaths. On its current trajectory, with all public health measures now in place and adhered to by the public, New Brunswick could have 15 COVID-19 deaths by April 30.
- The projected number of patients hospitalized on April 30, based on the current trajectory, is 28. That number could be as high as 125 under a large-impact scenario.
- The number of patients requiring admission to an intensive care unit, currently projected to rise to 13 by the end of the month, could peak at 84 on April 30 under the large-impact scenario.

The province’s health system is preparing for any of these scenarios by securing personal protective equipment for health-care workers, pursuing expanded capacity for COVID-19 testing, and strengthening its ability to trace contacts and respond to potential clusters of the disease as quickly as possible.

Public Health has identified three new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in New Brunswick to 111.

Of the 111 cases, 62 are travel-related, 33 are close contacts of confirmed cases, six are the result of community transmission and 10 remain under investigation.

Ten people have been hospitalized and five have since been discharged. Four of the five patients remaining in hospital are in an intensive care unit.

To date, 53 people have recovered. The new cases are:

- An individual aged up to 10 in Zone 3 (Fredericton region)
- An individual aged 30-39 in Zone 3 (Fredericton region)
- An individual aged 40-49 in Zone 3 (Fredericton region)