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GNB Updates (Weekend News Releases)

The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Brunswick is 116.

On Friday, April 10 Public Health confirmed one new case of COVID-19. The new case is an individual aged 60-69 in Zone 2 (Saint John region).

On Saturday, April 11 Public Health reported no new cases of COVID-19.

On Sunday, April 12 Public Health confirmed two new cases of COVID-19.

The new cases are:

- An individual aged 60-69 in Zone 2 (Saint John region)
- An individual aged 70-79 in Zone 2 (Saint John region)

On Monday, April 13 Public Health confirmed two new cases of COVID-19.

The new cases are:

- An individual aged 40-49 in Zone 3 (Fredericton region)
- An individual aged 50-59 in Zone 5 (Campbellton region)

Testing for COVID-19 in New Brunswick is being broadened to capture more potential cases of the disease.

Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health, announced that testing would now be recommended for people exhibiting at least two of the following five symptoms:

- fever above 38°C;
- a new cough or worsening chronic cough;
- sore throat;
- runny nose; and
- headache

Those who are exhibiting at least two of these symptoms are advised to immediately self-isolate and contact 811 or their family physician for further direction. Symptoms can range from relatively mild (runny nose and sore throat) to severe such as difficulty breathing.

"Having two of these five symptoms does not mean that you have COVID-19," said Russell. "But by isolating yourself quickly, you lessen the chance that the disease will spread to your family, neighbours and the wider community, if you are infected."

GNB Updates (News Release from April 14)

Public Health reported no new cases of COVID-19 on **Tuesday, April 14**.

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Of the 116 cases previously confirmed, 66 are travel-related, 40 are close contacts of confirmed cases, eight are the result of community transmission and two remain under investigation.

During the pandemic, 12 people have been hospitalized and seven have since been discharged. Three of the five patients remaining in hospital are in an intensive care unit.

To date, 75 people have recovered.

"We are definitely moving in the right direction but we have not yet reached our destination," said Russell. "We must maintain our resolve. We cannot let up, not even for a minute. Please, continue to stay at home as much as you possibly can."

Process for donating personal protective equipment during COVID-19

A process has been established for the public or businesses to donate personal protective equipment to help frontline health professionals combat COVID-19.

Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health, said that people who want to donate items such as masks, gowns, gloves, hand sanitizer and other personal protective equipment should contact Service New Brunswick, which manages government procurement.

"While we have enough supplies in the health sector to meet the current demand, New Brunswickers have been calling the public health office asking how they can help those working in our

hospitals, nursing homes and special care homes to stay safe," said Russell. "These gestures of generosity are touching."

Donators will be asked to complete and submit a form detailing specific information on the manufacturer, specifications, and certifications (CSA etc.) of the material to be donated, so it can be determined if the material is free of contamination.

If a donation is accepted, specific instructions for delivery will be provided.