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Update: Patients/Designated Visitors permitted to wear homemade masks and cloth face coverings

Further to [Bulletin #29b –COVID-19 –HR Update –Apr 23 2020](#), patients, clients and designated visitors entering Horizon facilities may wear their own masks, including homemade masks or cloth face coverings.

However, for the health and safety of our staff and physicians, Horizon requires the use of medical grade masks for your protection in the workplace.

A patient, client or designated visitor who does not already have a mask (homemade or manufactured) will be given the appropriate surgical or procedure mask upon entering a Horizon facility.

Potential COVID-19 patients or those sick with other contagious diseases should be instructed to remove personal masks and be provided the appropriate surgical or procedure mask for the protection of those around them.

Alternative Inventory Supplies

Please be advised that during the current pandemic, there is enormous pressure on the global, national and local supply chain. Horizon and Service New Brunswick continue to work with the vendor community to ensure appropriate and timely delivery of all inventory and supply requirements.

Given the enormous world-wide and simultaneous demand for specific medical supplies, from time to time our suppliers are forced to substitute products with similar alternatives. You can rest assured that such alternatives are vetted before they are authorized.

This memo is to simply provide some proactive information so that our employees are aware and informed.

GNB Updates

On **Saturday, April 25** and **Sunday, April 26**, Public Health reported no new cases of COVID-19.

On **Monday, April 27**, Public Health reported no new cases of COVID-19 for the ninth consecutive day.

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The number of confirmed cases in New Brunswick is 118, the number of active cases is six, and 112 people have recovered. Three people remain hospitalized, and there are no patients in an intensive care unit.

Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health, said that while testing results remain encouraging, real success against the COVID-19 virus will be measured by New Brunswick's ability to manage new outbreaks as they occur.

Russell urged New Brunswickers to continue to watch for symptoms of COVID-19 which include fever, cough, sore throat, running nose, and headache, and to call 811 and seek testing if symptoms emerge.

She also stressed the importance of continuing appropriate hygiene practices, maintaining physical distance from others and strongly recommended masks when physical distancing or other barriers are not possible.

