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Horizon Employees and Physicians Required to Wear a Mask in Facilities

An updated directive requires that Horizon employees and physicians **always wear a mask**, except for when in an individual office space or eating in an area that allows for physical distancing. This is a measure designed to protect sick and vulnerable patients in our facilities, and your colleagues. Patients and essential family caregivers/designated visitors entering Horizon facilities are already required to wear a mask.

Always maintaining a physical distance from others in a health care setting is difficult, and, always wearing a mask may be uncomfortable; but, as a health care worker, our community looks up to us and expects that we follow the same guidelines and best practices as they do.

By wearing a mask upon entering the workplace, you are showing leadership and helping to protect yourself, and your colleagues, patients and their families.

Please review the below chart for a clear outline of mask usage:

A Mask is Required:

- At the entrance of a Horizon facility to travel to your work station
- During the self-screening process
 - Please note, a non-medical/cloth mask may be worn upon entry until you arrive at your designated area. Upon arrival employees and physicians can access a medical grade mask.
- When travelling throughout the facility from point A to point B
- While transferring patients
- While cleaning rooms and offices
- Leaving an individual office/workstation
- When providing patient care
- Café and cafeteria lines
- Elevators
- Stairways
- Hallways

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- Nursing stations
- Support staff areas
- Bathroom
- Printer/photocopy rooms
- Break rooms/lounges/kitchens

- Workstations that include more than 1 person when no barrier is in place and physical distancing in less than six feet
- Locker rooms

A Mask is Not Required:

- Individual workstations and offices
- While eating and when physical distancing is practiced

Wearing a mask as outlined above is an expectation of all Horizon employees and physicians. Failure to wear a mask could result in discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

Employee and Physician mask usage posters can be found on [Skyline](#).

Self-screening criteria for employees and physicians

Please review important requirements related to the Campbellton Area below.

Updated posters are available on the [Coronavirus Skyline](#) page.



All employees and physicians are reminded that they must self-screen, clean their hands, and follow protocols related to appropriate physical distancing and wearing of procedural masks in all Horizon facilities.

If you have travelled to the Campbellton Region (Zone 5) in the last 14 days, please note the below requirements:

- Employees with no symptoms do not have to self-isolate; they must self-monitor
- Employees who volunteer to work in a hospital in Zone 5 do not have to self-isolate; they must self-monitor
- Employees with symptoms must self-isolate until tested and have a negative result.
- If you have worked in a facility with a declared outbreak of Covid-19, you must self-isolate for 14 days prior to returning to work in a Horizon facility.
- Employees who volunteer to work in an Adult Residential Facility (ARF) must self-isolate for 14 days upon returning home

Changes to Clinical Order Sets

Please be advised that the COVID-19 Active Screening clinical order set has been reviewed and approved by Infectious Disease & Infection Prevention and Control. The order set has

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been renamed **COVID-19 Testing** and there are several changes:

- Approved health care professionals have broadened to all Licensed Practical Nurse and all Registered Nurses as well as Respiratory Therapy students.
- Addition of isolation parameters.
- Detailed information on requisition requirements for laboratory.

[DIR-IPC-40041 COVID-19 Testing](#) (formerly DIR-ED-40041 COVID-19 Active Screening)

Please note: For sites that use Allscripts order sets, changes in that system are in progress.

Please click [here](#) to find NEW and DELETED/REMOVED clinical order sets in Horizon Health regionally.

[Scheduled Application and Service Outages](#)

Due to necessary infrastructure security patching, applications/services outages are scheduled for ALL Horizon Areas. Click [here](#) to view the full outage schedule.

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As per the New Brunswick Reportable Disease and Event Guide the RHA and DPS Public Health services are required to ensure



that First Nations (FN) communities are considered part of their geographical area and responsibility.

This means that communicable disease prevention and control plans relative to individuals living on FN reserves must be developed in collaboration with our First Nations colleagues. Sharing of information should occur at the appropriate level with the Communicable disease team in the respective community for the purposes of conducting case management and contact-tracing and establishing measures aimed at infectious disease prevention and control.

This ensures that there aren't any barriers or unnecessary delays to needed responsive actions, similar to the rest of the province.

Most communities have a Community Health registered nurse (CHN) and sometimes a medical doctor whose role is to oversee program delivery and provide services in a culturally sensitive and safe practice. Registered Nurses and Medical Doctors are bound by their licensing bodies to practice in alignment with privacy legislation and confidentiality regulations. The CHN's role is also to ensure that culturally appropriate approaches are used in health care and that the client has the services they require i.e. access to antibiotics if needed, transportation to appointments and education and awareness.

We know that you will wish to ensure that this reminder is shared widely with all those in your respective organizations

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that might need to implement any aspect of this policy during the course of their daily work.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jennifer Russell,
Chief Medical Officer of Health

GNB Updates

Public Health reported three new cases of COVID-19 today, all in Zone 5 (Campbellton region).

The new cases are:

- an individual between 20 and 29; and
- two individuals between 50 and 59.

Two of the cases are health-care employees at the Campbellton Regional Hospital and the other case is linked to a close contact of a case.

The number of confirmed cases in New Brunswick is 163 and 131 have recovered. There have been two deaths, and the number of active cases is 30. Four patients are hospitalized with one in an intensive care unit.

