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New Screening Process: Visitor Sign-in

Effective today, an amended Emergency Order from the Government of New Brunswick requires all visitors and support persons entering Horizon facilities to sign in with their name and contact telephone number.

This must occur during the screening process at all facilities. Anyone refusing to provide this information will be refused entry.

Please note: Patients entering the facility for appointments that require they provide contact information during registration (i.e.: blood work, surgery, Ambulatory Care, DI, etc.) are not required to sign in.

In our hospitals this process will be undertaken by our screeners and in other sites will be facilitated by on site administration.

To ensure the health and safety of our visitors, support people, patients and staff, pens will be wiped down between uses.

We understand this may add to the wait our patients, visitors and support people experience entering our facilities and are looking into ways we can keep the entry lines moving efficiently.

Change to COVID-19 Bulletin Distribution Schedule

Beginning next week, the COVID-19 Bulletin will be issued weekly on Thursday.

In place of the COVID-19 Bulletin on Tuesday, we will issue the new Horizon Bulletin. The Horizon Bulletin is a weekly all-user email containing corporate information for employees and physicians.

This is one of the ways we are reintroducing non-urgent all-user information while maintaining a reduction in internal

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emails overall. This will also reintroduce weekly email communication from our Foundations.

Recoveries and Reporting Deaths to NBOTP Resume

As of Monday July 13, tissue recoveries (corneas and other tissues) will have been re-introduced across the province. However, until our toll-free line (1-888-553-6667) resumes operation, hospital staff members will be asked to continue to follow the protocol outlined below to report in-hospital deaths.

To report deaths in **all zones** (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7):

- Call the applicable switchboard/locating service (as per instruction below) to have the Eye/Tissue Bank Technician on call paged and to report in-hospital deaths.
- Report only the deaths of patients of 75 years of age or less.

Moncton (Z1), **Fredericton** (Z3), **Edmundston** (Z4), **Campbellton** (Z5), **Bathurst** (Z6), and **Miramichi** (Z7): **506-857-5111**

Saint John (Z2) and **Upper River Valley** (Z3): **506-648-6000**

If you have any questions regarding cornea/tissue recoveries/donation or the above-mentioned protocol, please call our:



- **Ocular Division** at Horizon's St. Joseph's Hospital at: 506-632-5541
- **Tissue Division** at Horizon's The Moncton Hospital at: 506-870-2556

For organ donation or human body donation (to medical science), continue to contact the Organ Donation Resource Nurse on call.

We will continue to provide updated information should services change, or when they return to normal with regards to the service of our toll-free line.

Disinfectant Sprays

This memo comes as a follow up to a [memo](#) issued on April 10, relevant to disinfectant sprays. In April, we advised staff that in non-clinical areas, disinfectant spray could be requested through local Environmental Services Departments.

At this time, a revised direction is being issued for the process of obtaining disinfectant sprays for non-clinical areas / departments, when required.

Departments are directed to requisition and order such products from General Stores (inventory) for either one of the following products:

- Item 1530003 – Oxivir TB, 946ml Disinfectant Spray
- Item 0139543 – On The Mark, 1L Disinfectant Spray

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As per all pandemic inventory items, Service New Brunswick will be monitoring usage and inventory levels.



ID-IPC: OR Guidance

The following IPC Guidance documents, which correspond with the approved OR Decision Pathways for each phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic are available on Skyline. These documents outline IPC measures during various phases of the COVID-19 response.

Operating Room

- [Yellow Phase \(No Community Spread\): Emergency, Category 1-4 Surgery](#)
- [Orange Phase \(Low Community Spread\): Emergency, Category 1-3 Surgery](#)
- [Red Phase \(Moderate Community Spread\): Emergency and Urgent Surgery](#)
- [Elevated Red Phase \(Exponential Community Spread\): Emergency and Urgent Surgery](#)

Ongoing and consistent application of IPC measures will be implemented in accordance with the Horizon Clinical Recovery Plan.