

GOVERNMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK UPDATE
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Monday, Oct. 19, 2020:

Three new cases

FREDERICTON (GNB) – Public Health reported three new cases of COVID-19 today, all in Zone 5 (Campbellton region) as follows:

- one individual 19 and under;
- one individual 40 to 49; and
- one individual 60 to 69.

All of the new cases are self-isolating.

“Our goal is to have all of New Brunswick in the Yellow level of recovery but the number of cases in Zone 5 is not declining and the risk of community spread remains a factor,” said Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health. “I urge everyone in Zone 5 to limit your contacts. Keep to your two-family bubble. We are seeing too many cases arising from family gatherings, social activities and workplace contacts.”

The number of confirmed cases in New Brunswick is 313 and 207 have recovered. There have been three deaths, and the number of active cases is 103. Four patients are hospitalized with one in an intensive care unit. As of today, 92,899 tests have been conducted.

Zones 1 and 5 are orange

Zone 1 and Zone 5 remain at the Orange level under the province’s COVID-19 recovery plan. Orange level rules [are available online](#). Russell outlined details on the process that leads to imposing or lifting restrictions during this pandemic.

“Our processes are firmly grounded in science and tempered by our experience and new evidence that arises as we manage this public health crisis,” she said.

All other zones in New Brunswick remain at the Yellow level. During this time, Public Health measures and guidelines must still be followed.

To find out the boundaries of each health zone, see the map available at:

- [COVID-19 Dashboard \(mobile and most browsers\)](#)
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“For a region to move from Orange to Yellow, it takes roughly 14 days with targeted tracing and containment efforts,” said Premier Blaine Higgs. “Based on the measures taken, we are accepting the recommendation of Public Health that the Moncton region returns to the Yellow level on Thursday, Oct. 22, as long as we continue to see the current trends. It is our hope that the outbreak in Campbellton will be contained enough to take the same step in the near future, but for now it will remain at the Orange level.”

Possible school exposure

On Sunday, Oct. 18, families of la Mosaïque du Nord school in Balmoral were notified of a positive case in the school. The school closed today to facilitate necessary contact tracing. If you or a family member has been in close contact with the case, you will be notified by Public Health for contact tracing.

Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020:

Province records third death related to COVID-19

FREDERICTON (GNB) – New Brunswick has recorded its third death related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Public Health confirmed that an individual between 60 and 69 died today in Zone 1 (Moncton region) as a result of underlying complications, including COVID-19.

“I am deeply saddened to learn there has been another death in our province related to COVID-19,” said Premier Blaine Higgs. “I extend my thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of this person, and to everyone in our province who has been impacted by the recent outbreaks.”

Public Health has confirmed that this individual was one of the cases connected to the ongoing outbreak in Zone 1 and had been a resident of the Notre Dame Manor, a special-care home in Moncton.

“This is another sad moment for our province,” said Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health. “I am joining all New Brunswickers in sending my heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of this individual.”

Five new cases

Public Health reported five new cases of COVID-19 today.

The three cases in Zone 5 (Campbellton region) are as follows:

- one individual under 19;
- one individual between 60 and 69; and
- one individual between 50 and 59.

All of these cases are self-isolating and under investigation.

The two cases in Zone 1 (Moncton region) are as follows:

- one individual between 70 and 79; and
- one individual between 80 and 89.

These cases are linked to a previous confirmed case and are self-isolating.

The number of confirmed cases in New Brunswick is 310 and 203 have recovered. There have been three deaths, and the number of active cases is 104. Three patients are hospitalized with one in an intensive care unit. As of today, 92,060 tests have been conducted.

Exposure notification

Public Health has identified a positive case in a traveller who may have been infectious on Oct. 8 while on the following flight:

- Air Canada Flight 8954 – from Toronto to Fredericton.

Individuals who travelled on this flight should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after the flight. Should any COVID-19 symptoms develop, they are directed to self-isolate and take the self-assessment online or to call 811 to get tested.

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