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Employee Health now administering flu vaccine via mobile stations

The 2020-2021 flu vaccine is now available to Horizon employees. Employee Health staff are now out administering the vaccine and will be visiting departments, units and offices across Horizon via mobile flu vaccination stations. By receiving the vaccine, you are doing your part and earning your stripe!

A reminder that this year we're issuing a challenge, with a chance to win coffee and treats. Every department that reaches **85 per cent** or above participation by Wednesday, Dec. 2 will be entered to win a team coffee break. The draw will take place Friday, Dec. 4 and there will be a winning department in each region.

The flu vaccination has been proven as the most effective way to prevent becoming infected with seasonal influenza. Now more than ever, it is important to do your part to prevent the spread of illness. While some people who receive the flu shot may still get sick, symptoms are often reduced, and severity of illness is much less than those who do not receive the annual vaccine.

Every day, Horizon employees encounter vulnerable populations who are at high risk for complications, if infected with the flu. By receiving your flu vaccination, you are continuing to protect patients, colleagues and your community.



Required Organizational Practice (ROP) self-assessment

The Accreditation Support Team has developed a process to prepare us for the next Accreditation Canada survey in 2022. A series of self-assessments and mock tracers will be forthcoming to help units, facilities, and networks assess compliance with Accreditation standards.

All collected data will be used to prepare educational tools and resources to assist Horizon in meeting the ROPs and high priority criteria.

In October, nursing units and departments are being asked to complete an ROP self-assessment. This will serve to provide the organization a baseline status of our ROP compliance.

Managers will be provided with a toolkit consisting of the:

- ROP self-assessment specific to the unit / department
- ROP self-assessment guidelines
- Applicable Accreditation Canada Service Standards
- 2020 ROP inventory document

Click [here](#) for more information on how this ROP will work, and for contact information for support.



Diabetes Canada / Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism – Virtual event

Register for Canada's most highly anticipated diabetes-related conference in the comfort of your own home or office and learn about significant advances in diabetes research, treatment, and care.

The conference takes place virtually from between Oct. 28 and Oct. 30.

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Throughout the course of the conference, delegates will have the opportunity to attend original research presentations and take part in information sharing with leading diabetes, endocrinology, and related field experts.

Click [here](#) for more information, including the agenda, cost and how to register.



Vision 2020: Partnering to Enhance the Care Experience conference cancelled

The Vision 2020: Partnering to Enhance the Care Experience conference scheduled for May 2021 in Moncton, has regrettably been cancelled due to the current global environment.

The Horizon Experience Conference Steering Committee's decision was based primarily on their steadfast support of national directives to limit all non-essential travel, and large gatherings to curtail the spread of COVID-19. Participant and staff safety are paramount.

Our chief priority is to ensure we are doing our part to support the health and safety of all.



Kronos outage and regular scheduled monthly server downtimes

This is to inform you that we are planning a major update to **Kronos** the week of Oct. 26.

During this period, Workforce ESP / Timekeeper applications will not be available.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Kronos update, as well as for information on the monthly downtimes.



Multi-factor authentication brings enhanced security and safeguards

Service New Brunswick (SNB) is implementing additional safeguards and enhanced security to protect Horizon user accounts and information from unauthorized access. It is supported by the Horizon "Digital Information Security Strategy," and aligns with other health care jurisdictions and industry standards.

To achieve this enhanced security, SNB is rolling out a new feature called Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to employees with corporate telephones and laptops.

What is MFA? It is a security system that verifies a user's identity when logging into systems by requiring more than just their username and password to allow access. MFA requires a second step to validate who the person is logging in.

Click [here](#) for more information on why this is being done, who it affects, what is expected, and when the rollout will take place.



Regional Lead of Clinical Order Sets appointed

Jennifer Griffith has been appointed the temporary regional lead for Clinical Order Sets (COS) effective Oct. 23.

Her office is located at Horizon's The Moncton Hospital, she will be reporting to Jacqueline Gordon, regional director of nursing practice.

She will be responsible to:

- Provide leadership support to the regional COS Committee
- Coordinate all COS development and / or revision
- Facilitate collaboration among medical departments and health care personnel for successful cross-departmental COS implementation

Click [here](#) for more information on Jennifer.

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On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the blood and specimen collection (phlebotomy clinic) in the Moncton Coliseum moved to a new area within the Coliseum.

This change allows Horizon to increase the capacity for COVID-19 assessments while maintaining physical distancing requirements.

This applies **only** to those who have appointments scheduled at the Moncton Coliseum.

Patients who have appointments booked at the Moncton Coliseum will be notified of the change when they book their appointment.

Patients who are scheduled for blood and specimen collection appointments at Horizon's The Moncton Hospital and Sackville Memorial Hospital, should attend their appointment as planned.

Click [here](#) for more information on this change.