

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE****Bulletin #83a – COVID-19 – ID-IPC – Travel Outside Atlantic Bubble For Work – Nov 12 2020**

Everyone who presents to a Horizon facility must pass COVID-19 screening, wear a mask and clean their hands prior to being permitted to enter the facility.

Patient, client, visitor and health care worker safety is a priority for Horizon. As cases of COVID-19 escalate across the country, we continue to work to protect our vulnerable patient population and decrease the risk of importation of positive cases into our health care facilities.

As noted in the public health advice FAQ titled [Enhanced Public Health Measures and Testing Workers Coming Across the Border \(November 5, 2020\)](#), most of New Brunswick's COVID-19 cases have been the result of travel or someone in close contact with someone who has travelled.

As a result, **additional infection prevention and control measures are required for individuals who travel to provinces and territories outside of the Atlantic Bubble for work and present to a Horizon facility.** These safeguards have been implemented to protect the health and safety of our patients, clients, visitors and health care workers.

Horizon is asking anyone who has travelled outside the Atlantic Bubble for work and requires health care in a Horizon facility to **be proactive** by:

- Notifying the booking department that they have travelled outside the Atlantic Bubble for work
- Calling ahead if they are unsure if they will pass COVID-19 screening upon arrival
- Advising the person booking their appointment if they have concerns or difficulty wearing a face mask

We are asking patients to share all applicable information during the appointment booking process so that a care plan can be developed. This prevents cancelled appointments or encountering delays, and ensures we are prepared for their arrival.

The infection prevention and control measures also support individuals who travel for work to obtain health care while complying with the Chief Medical Officer of Health's mandate to avoid contact with vulnerable individuals.

For more information on individuals travelling or returning to New Brunswick for work purposes, click [here](#).