

# Bulletin #98: COVID-19 Information

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### COVID-19 Bulletin

#### [COVID-19 vaccination clinics](#)

This weekend, Saturday, Dec. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 20, will be a historic moment in New Brunswick and Horizon's history.

Horizon's Public Health staff will administer the first Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccinations to New Brunswickers at Horizon's Miramichi Regional Hospital (MRH).

Over the weekend of Dec. 19 and 20, employees and physicians travelling to MRH for their vaccine can expect the following:

**Entrance to facility grounds:** Use the east service entrance (closer to the Losier Hall Shannex) from Water Street to access the grounds. Follow the signs. Park in the designated staff parking area. Ensure you are wearing your work ID badge.

**Access:** You will be asked to wait in line and actively screened. You will be asked to remove your mask and don a Level 1

medical grade mask and practice hand hygiene. Direction will be provided to the clinic. All employees and physicians must maintain physical distance at all times. When you're leaving the MRH, you will be provided with directions to exit the building from the clinic. You must practice hand hygiene when exiting the facility.

The following changes can be expected for Miramichi-area employees and physicians reporting for their scheduled shifts can expect the following:

**Parking:** All MRH employees and physicians reporting for their shift, must use the west entrance to the staff parking lot (closest to Nelson). The parking lot will be sectioned off with pylons, so this western side of the parking lot is reserved for use by MRH employee and physicians **only**. Staff will be onsite to direct as needed during high-traffic times.

**Access:** All MRH employees and physicians will be required to access the hospital through use physician entrance when coming and going from the facility. Please remember to **wear your ID badge**, to practice hand hygiene and wear your mask.

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All employees and physicians are expected to **limit foot traffic** between the lobby (Level 1) and Highland Theatre (Level 2), unless required as part of their work.

**Media:** In addition to provincial dignitaries, there will be media present on site on Saturday, Dec. 19 **only**. Members of the media will be escorted by members of Horizon's Communications and Community Relations team.

**Cafeteria:** In addition to the cafeteria, the Level 5 board room and conference room will be open to staff for meals and breaks. These areas will also be used by members of the immunization team.

Click [here](#) to view a map of the vaccine site layout and parking access.

#### [Updated leave table](#)

Horizon continues to advocate for its employees by ensuring consistent interpretation of the collective agreements and, with this, access to appropriate leaves that may be required as a result of COVID-19.

We recognize there have been a number of updates to this table since it was first released in September 2020 and we encourage all employees to review the information carefully.

A leave table, available [here](#), was designed to help you navigate your benefit entitlements during the pandemic. This

guide shows a number of scenarios you may encounter over the next months involving yourself or your dependents and the current leave entitlements to which you may be eligible.

In cases where employees must miss time from work and a suitable alternate arrangement cannot be made, employees will need to use, in accordance with normal practice, the various leaves available to them in the applicable collective agreement or non-bargaining policy.

Horizon is sincerely appreciative of the efforts made by our dedicated employees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any questions, please contact your manager or local [Human Resources Advisor](#).

#### [Tips for caregivers during COVID-19](#)

One in four Canadians is a caregiver, providing unpaid care to someone who needs help due to a physical or cognitive condition, an injury or a chronic and life-limiting illness.

Caregiving is a challenging role at the best of times. COVID-19 has added to the strain as you try to balance caregiving and the demands of the pandemic. It's more important than ever to develop good habits and strategies to maintain your health and well-being and avoid burnout. Click [here](#) for tips for caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### Visitation in residential hospices

Please find attached approved guidance for visitation in New Brunswick's two residential hospices. These freestanding, not-for-profit facilities offer end-of-life care in a home-like setting.

Hospice visitors are required to follow all public health guidance around physical distancing and mask use, and hospice are to conduct active screening prior to admitting them.

In the case of an active outbreak of COVID-19 in a residential hospice, the regional medical officer of health would determine which visitors would be permitted, following a risk assessment.

Please also note that while the Atlantic Bubble is suspended, all visitors from outside of New Brunswick must follow the guidance provided for visitors outside of the Atlantic Bubble.

Click [here](#) for proposed guidance for hospice visitation across recovery phases.

### GNB updates

Public Health reported six new cases of COVID-19 today, two in Zone 1 (Moncton region), one in Zone 2 (Fredericton region) and three in Zone 4 (Edmonton region).

This weekend 1,950 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will be administered in Miramichi to priority groups that have been identified in the provincial government's vaccine plan.