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Horizon employees are subject to and must comply with the <u>Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act</u> (the PHIPAA) and the regulations under that act.

All Horizon employees have an ethical and legal obligation to protect the confidentiality of personal health information and the privacy of all patients.

Horizon's 5K Program, developed to ensure completion of all mandatory education programs, was impacted by COVID-19. Therefore, we are currently asking all employees to focus their attention on the Privacy in Healthcare e-learning program and its applicable modules.

Mandatory e-learning programs can be found at here or on the Learning Department's page on Skyline.

Regional Outbreak in Zone 1 (Moncton)

A regional outbreak of COVID-19 is occurring in Zone 1 (Moncton). Settings within the community that have been identified as involving potential exposure to the virus including social/family gatherings, recreational facilities, childcare, schools, long term care, and workplaces. The outbreak declared in November had waned significantly earlier in December before this post holiday resurgence occurred. Contact tracing on confirmed cases is being completed by Public Health. As of the end of the January 6th reporting cycle, 34 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed as part of the outbreak, most of which have been reported since January 1.

Based on a provincial risk assessment, all health zones in the province including zone 1 (Moncton) have transitioned to Orange level under the province's COVID-19 recovery plan. In orange level, anyone with any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should self- isolate and be tested.

Healthcare providers and long-term care workers are advised to be on high alert for any patients/residents exhibiting

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symptoms of COVID-19 and to implement the appropriate infection prevention and control measures, including proper use of personal protective equipment.

It is imperative that healthcare providers also actively self-monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home when sick, even if symptoms are mild. Please ensure you closely and consistently follow healthcare and long-term care facility guidance regarding continuous masking and other established infection control measures.

The fastest way to access testing is to request a test online by visiting the Government of New Brunswick's coronavirus Website. Tests can also be arranged by calling Tele-Care 811.

As you are aware, COVID-19 results are required to be reported under the Reporting and Diseases Regulation under the Public Health Act, orally within one hour after identification, followed by a written report by the end of the next working day.

GNB Updates

When available, the Government of New Brunswick's news release can be accessed here.







