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When: **Thursday, Jan. 14** at **EITHER** [10 a.m.](#) or [2:15 p.m.](#)

Where: Zoom (click above times for Zoom meeting links)

What: Karen McGrath, Horizon's President and CEO, will provide an update on Horizon's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and take questions.

Note: You do not need to RSVP. Each Zoom meeting has the capacity to welcome 500 participants. If you are unable to attend either update, a recording of one of the updates will be posted on Skyline by Friday, Jan. 15.

[Clarification: How staff and physicians can get tested for COVID-19](#)

On January 11, we shared a Government of New Brunswick (GNB) memo ([Bulletin #104c – COVID-19 – GNB Regional Outbreak in Zone 1 \(Moncton\) – Jan 11 2021](#)), that included information on how to request a swab for COVID-19. This GNB update contains important information but does not replace previous guidance regarding COVID-19 swabbing for Horizon employees and physicians.

If a Horizon employee or physician is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, they are asked contact **Employee Health** at **1-833-978-2580**.

Horizon employees and physicians should continue to use Employee Health for the most efficient, high priority access to COVID-19 swabbing.

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Requirement to abstain from working in more than one health facility in the event of an active COVID-19 outbreak

The following information is being shared proactively, as there currently are no outbreaks declared in Horizon facilities in New Brunswick.

Horizon wants to inform all employees and health professionals of Horizon's direction for those who work in more than one health facility in the event an outbreak is declared at a facility.

To prevent the spread of this virus, we ask Horizon staff and physicians to refrain from working in facilities that are not part of our network, such as a nursing home, when there is an active outbreak of COVID-19 in these facilities.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Screening for Hospital-to-Hospital Transfers Forms by Area

The Screening for Hospital-to-Hospital Transfers Forms by Area have been updated to align with the [HHN-1081 COVID-19 Active Screening: Patient / Visitor Access to Facilities](#).

[NB recovery plan](#) encompasses various recovery phases. At present, our province is in same recovery phase based on the pandemic's impact in each Area. The updated Screening for Hospital to Hospital Transfers Forms are available on Skyline:

- [1038 COVID-19 Screening Form for Hospital to Hospital](#)



Transfers Moncton Area

- [35953 COVID-19 Screening Form for Hospital to Hospital Transfers Saint John Area](#)
- [300000457 COVID-1919 Screening Form for Hospital to Hospital Transfers Fredericton URV Area](#)
- [30384 COVID-1919 Screening Form for Hospital to Hospital Transfers Miramichi Area](#)

Note: Skyline has the most recent version of the above noted forms since changes occur as needed to align with the recovery phases across the province.

As communicated on May 1, the Regional Infectious Diseases/Infection Prevention and Control Committee recommended ongoing monitoring of **all admitted patients twice daily (every 12 hours)** to assess **changes in health status** related to COVID-19.

If a patient has been identified with **at least two of the ten** COVID-19 symptoms:

- Isolate the patient
- Immediately implement droplet and contact precautions
- Isolate all roommates on droplet and contact precautions
- Notify Infection Prevention and Control
- Collect a nasopharyngeal swab for COVID-19 (as per directive [DIR-IPC-40041](#))
- Document a focused assessment

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GNB Updates

Public Health reported 19 new cases of COVID-19 today, one case in Zone 1 (Moncton region), five in Zone 2 (Saint John region), three in Zone 3 (Fredericton region), eight in Zone 4 (Edmundston region), one in Zone 5 (Campbellton region), and one in Zone 6 (Bathurst region).

Public Health confirmed today an individual between 70 to 79 died in the Saint John region as a result of underlying complications, including COVID-19.

To highlight the vaccination effort, updates will be posted once a week on the GNB COVID-19 dashboard available at:

- [COVID-19 Dashboard \(mobile and most browsers\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Dashboard \(for Internet Explorer users\)](#)

Weekly updates will include the number of doses of vaccine received, the number of doses of vaccine administered, the number of vaccine doses held to serve as the second dose, and the number of people fully vaccinated.

