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With GNB's announcement of the Edmundston area (Zone 4) reverting to the Red phase of recovery at midnight on Sunday, Jan. 17, Horizon has updated its screening questions for employees, physicians, patients and visitors.

The updated questions and signage for employees and physicians can be accessed [here](#). The updated screening questions for patients and visitors can be found [here](#). All updated posters are available on the [Coronavirus Skyline page](#).

Remember:

- Employees and physicians are required to self screen prior to leaving home for their shift.
- Once at the facility, employees and physicians must swipe their ID badge, and confirm to a screener that they have completed their self assessment prior to each entry, and that they have not answered "yes" to any of the questions.

- Employees and physicians who leave the facility for any reason (break, meal period, to smoke, or interfacility travel) will be required to be actively re-screened upon their return.
- To ensure that you arrive on time in your unit / department, we ask that you factor potential delays into the travel plans.

Employee Health is available daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to answer any questions or concerns – please call 1-833-978-2580 and leave a voicemail and your call will be returned within two hours.

[Continuous use of masks and eye protection – All phases](#)

The Public Health Agency of Canada recommends the continuous use of medical grade face masks by health care workers (HCWs) during all phases of the pandemic and the continuous use of eye protection based on local area epidemiology. This directive is being issued in response to the emerging evidence that asymptomatic, pre-symptomatic or minimally symptomatic individuals can transmit COVID-19 and is meant to prevent transmission of COVID-19 between HCWs.

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patients and co-workers.

As more information becomes available about the risks of acquiring COVID-19 in the workplace, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) best practice continues to evolve in each phase of the pandemic. As such, based on local area colour phase, eye protection (goggles / face shield) will now be used continuously with a medical grade face mask as outlined below:

Yellow Phase

- The continuous use of eye protection is optional for HCWs working in clinical settings.

Orange Phase

- The continuous use of facial protection (medical grade face mask and goggles / face shield) is mandatory for all HCWs in high-risk clinical settings; COVID-19 units, ERs, ICUs, ORs and COVID-19 assessments centres.
- The continuous use of eye protection is optional for HCWs working in other clinical settings.

Red Phase

- The continuous use of facial protection (medical grade face mask and goggles/face shield) is mandatory for all HCWs in all clinical settings.



Details are highlighted in [Continuous Use of Medical Grade Face Masks and Eye Protection for Full Shifts in Healthcare Settings During COVID-19 Pandemic – All Phases](#) document.

Eye Protection Ordering Information and instructions for how to clean and disinfect goggles/face shield prior to re-use are included in the document: [Infection Prevention and Control Cleaning and Disinfection Instructions for Eye Protection and Ordering Information.](#)

The use of face masks and eye protection, together with diligent hand hygiene, are most critical for preventing transmission of respiratory infections.

Please visit the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline Page](#) for COVID-19 information.

GNB Updates

Public Health reported 26 new cases of COVID-19 today. The breakdown is as follows: Seven cases in Zone 1 (Moncton region), nine cases in Zone 2 (Saint John region), seven cases in Zone 3 (Fredericton region), two cases in Zone 4 (Edmundston region), and one case in Zone 6 (Bathurst region). All cases are self-isolating and under investigation.

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Zone 4 (Edmundston region) remains at the Red level under the province's COVID-19 recovery plan. Red level rules [are available online](#). All other zones in New Brunswick remain at the [Orange level](#).

Click [here](#) for more information.

