

# Bulletin #114: COVID-19 Information

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#### [Video: COVID-19 Update with Horizon's President and CEO](#)

Earlier today, Karen McGrath provided a COVID-19 update to staff and physicians on Zoom.

If you weren't able to attend the update, you're invited to watch this [recorded version](#) at your leisure.

#### [Clinical and non-clinical staff needed in adult residential facilities](#)

There is an urgent need for clinical and non-clinical staff of all classifications to provide patient care at various adult residential care facilities (ARFs) in the Edmundston area of Vitalité as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Horizon has been asked to determine if staff are interested in committing to a minimum 14-day period to work in the affected ARFs. Please note that bilingualism is an asset but not

a requirement. All selected employees will be provided extensive training in IPC and PPE guidelines prior to departure.

If you are interested, please provide your manager with your name and contact information so that you can be easily reached to discuss further.

**Managers**, please forward the contact information from these employees to Human Resources in your respective zones using the zone-specific email addresses: [Fredericton](#), [Miramichi](#), [Moncton](#), or [Saint John](#).

We recognize that releasing employees may be impossible and that many managers are struggling to provide coverage in their own units. While we appreciate your support and consideration of this request, it is understood that some classifications (RNs and LPNs, in particular) are not able to be released at this time.

Hotel accommodations, meals, expenses, and salary will be provided to employees who are selected.

We appreciate your serious consideration of this request so that we can help support these residents who require care.

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### Face Masks and Eye Protection (Red Phase)

The ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee was asked to reconsider the recommendation for **the continuous use of medical grade face masks and eye protection** during the Red Level to include health care workers (HCWs) in all settings (as opposed to only clinical settings).

This directive is being revised to align with GNB Red Phase definition "COVID-19 is no longer controlled" with the aim to prevent transmission of COVID-19 between:

- HCW to patient;
- Patient to HCW; and
- HCW to HCW.

Based on local-area-color level, 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 settings.

**The use of facial protection, together with diligent hand hygiene, are most critical for preventing transmission of respiratory infections.**

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 on 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](#).

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

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### GNB Updates

Public Health reported 27 new cases of COVID-19 today, 11 cases in Zone 1 (Moncton region), two in Zone 2 (Saint John region), and 14 in Zone 4 (Edmundston region).

Zone 1 (Moncton region) remains at the [Red level](#) and Zone 4 (Edmundston region) remains [in lockdown](#). All other zones are at the [Orange level](#).

The Government of New Brunswick's full news release can be accessed [here](#).

