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##### [Call for respiratory therapists to support COVID-19 vaccination clinics](#)

Respiratory therapists (RTs) can complete training to become immunizers at our upcoming community COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

In order to efficiently immunize our population, we are building a strong and committed workforce dedicated to COVID-19 vaccination clinics, while also maintaining services in our hospitals and community sites.

The Redeployment Centre is active to redeploy staff affected by a service slow down or closure to an area of high need and to staff those services impacted by an increase in service needs during our pandemic response such as a vaccination clinic.

**If you are working part-time or casual and looking to pick up extra shifts to assist in these areas or are working full-time and affected by a service slow down, please speak to your manager. Your manager can add your name to the redeployment tracker with the number of shifts you are available to help with.**

We are also recruiting for non-clinical (administrative) positions like screening, registration, wayfinding, recovery, and runners. The process for redeployment is the same as for clinical positions, please talk to your manager.

For more vaccine information, including FAQs, visit the [Vaccine Information page](#) on Skyline.

##### [Updated: Take Out Food and Homemade Food](#)

Take-out and homemade food will now be permitted for patients in all phases of the pandemic.

**Take-out food** must come from a licensed establishment and will only be permitted if a support person / visitor is available to deliver to the patient's room. Staff will not be responsible for the delivery of food. Food delivery personnel will not be permitted to deliver food to the patient's room.

If a patient chooses to have take-out food delivered at the hospital, the delivery person will need to successfully pass the screening protocol at the facility's designated entrance before

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the food is accepted into the facility. The support person / visitor will then pick up the food at the entrance.

**Homemade food** is permitted if a support person / visitor is available to deliver the food to the patient's room. The food must be stored in a container that can be easily cleaned and disinfected with a hospital approved cleaner / disinfectant wipe. The container must be taken home for cleaning and not left in the patient's room.

This change has been made to the Patient / Designated Visitor Personal Items Table located on [Skyline](#).

#### [GNB updates](#)

Public Health reported three new cases of COVID-19 yesterday (March 3), two cases in Zone 3 (Fredericton region), and one in Zone 7 (Miramichi region).

A mass testing clinic has been set up in Zone 7. This is available for individuals who do not have any symptoms of COVID-19 but want to be tested. Testing will be held over two days:

- Today, March 4, until 7 p.m., at the gymnasium of the Dr. Losier Middle School, 124 Henderson St., Miramichi; and
- Tomorrow, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the gymnasium of the Dr. Losier Middle School, 124 Henderson St., Miramichi.



No appointment is necessary. Screening tests will be done on a first-come, first-served basis.

Public Health has identified potential public exposures to the virus at the following locations in Zone 7:

- Sobeys on **Feb. 14, Feb. 19, Feb. 24** and **Feb. 25** (273 Pleasant St., Miramichi).
- Atlantic Superstore on **Feb. 14, Feb. 23** and **Feb. 28** (408 King George Hwy., Miramichi).
- Shoppers Drug Mart on **Feb. 14, Feb. 17** and **Feb. 26** (397 King George Hwy., Miramichi).
- Dollarama on **Feb. 20** (100 Douglastown Blvd., Miramichi).
- Winners on **Feb. 22** and **Feb. 24** (2441 King George Hwy., Miramichi).
- Giant Tiger on **Feb. 24** (2441 King George Hwy., Miramichi).
- Walmart on **Feb. 24** (200 Douglastown Blvd., Miramichi).
- Bulk Barn on **Feb. 27** (100-99 Douglastown Blvd., Miramichi).
- NB Liquor on **Feb. 27** (221 Pleasant St., Miramichi).

The full GNB news release can be accessed [here](#), and when available, the GNB news release from today (March 4) can be accessed [here](#).