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In March, GNB determined that second dose vaccines would be administered at up to 14 weeks after the first dose.

This followed the direction by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Canada to extend the second dose to optimize early vaccine roll-out and ensure broad-based community protection, reducing everyone's risk of being infected with COVID-19.

When you become eligible to schedule a second dose appointment, you will receive a communication with instructions for booking, to your Horizon email, or alternate email address provided when your first dose appointment was booked.

Depending on when you become eligible for your second dose and the Horizon area that you work in, your second dose appointment will take place at either a Horizon hospital clinic or a community vaccination clinic location.

If you're curious about where our community vaccination clinics are, please click [here](#). **The links for vaccination booking on this page are intended for members of the public. Horizon employees will be contacted directly by email to book their vaccination appointments.**

For more information about vaccines, including which groups have been identified in the various stages, please visit the dedicated GNB vaccine page [here](#).

#### [Changes to EMP Care Coordination Centre](#)

Important changes are coming to the Extra-Mural Program Care Coordination Centre, following a process improvement review that took place in 2020.

Last February, the Extra-Mural Program launched the Care Coordination Centre (CCC), a new virtual centre where all referrals to EMP from hospitals and the community are sent, received and processed under this single entity.

This was an initiative that was identified upon the transfer of EMP to Medavie Health Services New Brunswick to enhance equitable and consistent access in providing quality home health care services across New Brunswick.

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This past fall, a process improvement review was conducted to identify what has been working well during this first demonstration year, as well as which aspects of the service could possibly be improved.

The program updates have been made based on stakeholder input and will be implemented **effective June 1<sup>st</sup>**. These changes include:

- A new referral form (available [online](#) June 1<sup>st</sup>)
- A new email address for referrals [EMCC@ExtraMuralNB.ca](mailto:EMCC@ExtraMuralNB.ca) (*please note: the previous email will remain active and will redirect emails to the new inbox*)
- A new toll-free fax number: **1-833-388-1003**
- A change in hours based on utilization during the past year: New hours of the CCC will be Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The on-call nurse will address regular hours of operation – simply call the CCC at **1-844-982-7367** and the after-hours service will be able to direct you.

### [GNB update](#)

When available, today's GNB news release can be accessed [here](#).

