

To: All staff and physicians
From: Karen McGrath, President and CEO
cc: Margaret Melanson, VP Quality and Patient Centred Care
Date: June 17, 2021
Re: **Horizon's Path to Green**

The Province of New Brunswick has announced the second phase of the province's Path to Green will be effective June 17, 2021. The provincial COVID-19 recovery plan Phase 2 restrictions have been modified for the community.

However, COVID-19 Yellow Phase infection prevention and control (IPC) measures in place at Horizon facilities will remain in effect for the safety of our vulnerable patient populations and our health care workers.

IPC measures will be reassessed on a quarterly basis at a minimum, and will be lifted when COVID-19 activity is below an acceptable threshold level. This level will be based on data provided from a Provincial Public Health Surveillance program.

At this time the following preventative measures remain in effect:

All health care workers will continue to self screen before entering a Horizon facility, wear a medical grade face mask at all times, practice hand hygiene and adhere to 2 metres (6 feet) physical distancing.

All patients and visitors will be actively screened prior to entering a Horizon facility. They will be required to put on a non-medical grade face mask, practice hand hygiene and adhere to 2 metres (6 feet) physical distancing.

Patients who have travelled outside of the "Atlantic Bubble," which includes the counties of Avignon and Témiscouata (Quebec), and Listuguj First Nation in the last 14 days will be managed on Droplet / Contact Precautions.

Visitors who have travelled outside of the "Atlantic Bubble" which includes the counties of Avignon and Témiscouata (Quebec), and Listuguj First Nation in the last 14 days will require an exemption prior to being permitted to visit patients within a Horizon facility.

Health care workers who travel within the “Atlantic Bubble” which includes the counties of Avignon and Témiscouata (Quebec), and Listuguj First Nation are not required to isolate.

All IPC COVID-19 Guidance documents developed for Yellow Phase / All Phases will remain in effect.