



**Infection Prevention & Control
Standard Operating Procedure – Visitation for
Persons Coming from Outside of the Extended
Atlantic Bubble or from a Higher Risk Area
During COVID-19
Path to Green Phase 2 (Current)**

Visitation for Persons Coming from Outside of the Extended Atlantic Bubble or from a Higher Risk Area**Area:** Horizon**SOP No:****Effective Date:** July 9, 2021**PURPOSE STATEMENT**

To ensure safe visitation for inpatients, by persons entering New Brunswick from outside of the extended Atlantic Bubble (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Avignon and Témiscouata Regional Counties and Listuguj First Nation in Quebec) in the last 14 days or those who may be travelling from a higher risk area within the extended Atlantic Bubble as per public health guidelines.

This guideline will remain in effect until COVID-19 rates decline to a safe and acceptable level.

DIRECTLY AFFECTED

Horizon Healthcare Workers (HCWs), patients and visitors.

PROCEDURE

Travellers entering New Brunswick may still be required to isolate, based on where they are travelling from and whether or not they have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Anyone who is travelling to New Brunswick must register their travel through the New Brunswick Travel Registration Program and receive approval before entering the province.

International travellers are also subject to federal requirements when entering Canada. Where provincial and federal requirements differ, the most stringent requirements must be followed.

- A.** All **Domestic/International** travellers coming to visit a Horizon Facility from outside of the extended Atlantic Bubble in the last 14 days must:
- be fully vaccinated with an approved COVID-19 vaccine and must be at least 14 days post second dose
 - obtain a COVID-19 test after entering the province and prior to the visit. The traveller will only visit after a negative test result is received and they agree to be tested on day 5 and day 10, if the visits continue to occur.
 - agree to comply with GNB public health measures and the Horizon policies and practices for infection prevention and control and:
 - will self monitor for symptoms in the community
 - agree to only go to the patient's room in the facility

Note: If not fully vaccinated, asymptomatic travellers may visit 14 days after entering the province and no further testing will be required.

- B.** Any person coming to visit a Horizon Facility from a higher risk area within the extended Atlantic Bubble must:
- be fully vaccinated with an approved COVID-19 vaccine and must be at least 14 days post second dose
 - obtain a COVID-19 test prior to the visit and only visit after a negative test result is received and agree to be tested on day 5 and day 10, if the visits continue to occur.

- agree to comply with GNB public health measures, Horizon policies and infection prevention and control practices and;
 - will self monitor for symptoms in the community
 - agree to only go to the patient's room in the facility

Note: If visitation is to provide care for a palliative patient or for similar exceptional humanitarian or compassionate purposes refer to [Infection Prevention & Controls Standard Operating Procedure – Compassionate Visitation for Persons Coming from Outside of New Brunswick or from a Higher Risk Area During COVID-19 Path to Green Phase 2 \(Current\)](#).

Screener or Designate

1. Screens the visitor and determines they fail screening due travel criteria
2. Validates that the person requesting to visit:
 - has an approval to travel into New Brunswick without a requirement to self isolate
 - is fully vaccinated with an approved COVID-19 vaccine* and a minimum of 14 days post vaccination has elapsed prior to the visit. This may be an electronic or physical document, or a photograph of such a document. To be considered proof of vaccination, it must contain:
 - the traveller's name and associated personal information
 - the type of vaccine administered; and
 - the date(s) on which the vaccine was administered
 - has personal identification which matches their travel registration and proof of vaccination record
 - has negative COVID-19 test result that has been obtained prior to the visit (with repeat testing on day 5 and day 10 if the visits continue to occur) upon entering New Brunswick from outside the extended Atlantic Bubble or if coming from a higher risk area within the extended Atlantic Bubble.
3. Advises person travelling of expectations and requirements
4. Notifies Nursing Unit
5. Approves the person to visit

***Note:** New Brunswick accepts any COVID-19 vaccine accepted by the Government of Canada. Currently, this includes 2 doses of the vaccines manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (Can be any combination of vaccines approved by the Government of Canada) or 1 dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine.

Healthcare Team

1. Provides education on hand hygiene, continuous masking, donning and doffing of PPE (if patient on isolation) and IPC requirements
2. Ensures person visiting complies with established process

References

Province of New Brunswick Registering Travel into New Brunswick

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/travel-registration.html#enter-nb>

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