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Do not provide falsified vaccination documentation to the public

It has come to our attention that Public Health staff are being approached by members of the public who are requesting they falsify their vaccination record. This is not appropriate. This is illegal.

If a member of the public contacts you to do this you can respond with the following:

- No I will not, this is illegal
- No I will not, I could lose my job
- No I will not, and please do not ask for me to do this again

- No I will not, and if you ask again I will report this to my manager

After you decline, and they continue to ask you, please report this to your manager for further action.

Also, if you are not comfortable replying to their request, you are not obligated to.



Physical distancing requirements

The Infectious Disease and Infection Prevention and Control (ID-IPC) COVID-19 Committee reviewed and revised the physical distancing requirements in Horizon facilities, to reflect the current COVID-19 activity within the province.

ID-IPC COVID-19 Committee recommends the following with respect to physical distancing:

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- Ambulatory Care waiting rooms: Remain at one-metre (three feet).
- Emergency Department waiting rooms
 - Red Zone: Remain at two-metres (six feet).
 - Green Zone: Remain at one-metre (three feet).
- Cafeterias: Revert to two-metres (six feet).
- Departmental lunchrooms: Remain at two-metres (six feet).

As noted above, the **only change** with physical distancing requirement is for the **cafeterias**. All other areas remain the same.

[Proof of COVID-19 vaccination status](#)

Reminder: Horizon employees are being asked to **show** proof of their COVID-19 vaccination status in person or on MS Teams to their direct manager or a delegate from Employee Health by Oct. 15, 2021, even if proof of vaccination was already submitted.

[This poster](#) outlines the process and more information is available on the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy page on [Skyline](#), and FAQs are available [here](#).

[Staff and physician screening](#)



Screening questions for employees and physicians are available [here](#). All posters are available on the [Coronavirus Skyline page](#).

Remember, if you answer yes to any question, don't enter the facility. Please call Employee Health at 1-833-978-2580 for possible referral to a COVID-19 assessment centre.

Referrals through Employee Health **for Horizon employees** are prioritized **by the assessment centre**.

[COVID-19 fake text messages](#)

Throughout the pandemic, cyber criminals have been using COVID-19 to trick people into clicking on phishing emails. The latest scam is fake text messages about COVID-19 guideline changes and appointments for a third vaccine.

If you receive a message like this, or promising COVID 19 information, DO NOT click on the link provided. This will install malware on your device allowing criminals to steal your information or hijack your phone to spy on you.

As always, never open emails or text messages from someone you don't know. Never click on attachments or links from someone you don't know.

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Cyber criminals will continue to take advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please stay vigilant.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Tim Calvert, 506-227-1055 or Tim.Calvert@HorizonNB.ca.

[GNB update](#)

Public Health has confirmed that a person 90 or over in Zone 1 (Moncton region) has died as a result of COVID-19. This brings the total number of COVID-19-related deaths in the province to 57.

Public Health also reported today that 79.8 per cent of eligible New Brunswickers are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and 88.7 per cent have received their first dose of a vaccine.

Beginning in October, a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine will be available for seniors living in long-term care homes and other communal settings who have already received two doses of a vaccine.

There are 84 new cases of COVID-19 in the province, with 27 in the Moncton area (Zone 1), nine in the Saint John area (Zone 2), 24 in the Fredericton area (Zone 3), 15 in the Edmundston area (Zone 4), four in the Campbellton area (Zone 5), four in the Bathurst area (Zone 6), and one in the Miramichi area (Zone 7).



The provincial government reminds New Brunswickers that, based on the current level of COVID-19 hospitalizations, a state of emergency has been reinstated and a [mandatory order](#) is now in effect.

Click [here](#) to read the full news release.

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