

GOVERNMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK UPDATE
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Five deaths reported

FREDERICTON (GNB) – Public Health has confirmed that five people have died as a result of COVID-19. This brings the total number of COVID-19-related deaths in the province to 99.

A person 90 and over in Zone 1 (Moncton region), a person 80-89 in Zone 5 (Campbellton region) and three people 60-69 – one in Zone 4 (Edmundston region) and two in Zone 6 (Bathurst region) – have died.

“My thoughts are with the family and friends who are mourning their loved ones,” said Premier Blaine Higgs. “We can see that the measures in place to limit the spread of COVID-19 are having an impact as the number of active cases continues to decline. We all need to keep doing our part to ensure this trend continues.”

“I share my sympathies with everyone who is impacted by these sad losses,” said Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health. “We can all take steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the virus by following the measures in place and by getting fully vaccinated.”

Public Health reported 69 new cases of COVID-19 today and 77 recoveries. There are 761 active cases.

Of the new cases, 35 – or 51 per cent – are unvaccinated, four – or six per cent – are partially vaccinated, and 30 – or 43 per cent – are fully vaccinated.

Majority of cases in ICU remain unvaccinated

Of the 55 people hospitalized due to the virus, 27 are unvaccinated, four are partially vaccinated and 24 are fully vaccinated. There are currently two people 19 and under in the hospital. There are 16 people in an intensive care unit, 14 of whom are unvaccinated; one is partially vaccinated, and another is fully vaccinated.

Provincial Rapid Outbreak Management Team update

As of today, members of the Provincial Rapid Outbreak Management Team, led by Extra-Mural/Ambulance New Brunswick, are activated at 23 locations across the province. Members of the team are providing various levels of assistance depending on the requirements of each location.

An outbreak has been declared at 11 of the 23 sites, which include nursing homes, long-term care facilities, rooming houses and other vulnerable settings.

The 11 outbreak sites are:

- Drew Nursing Home in Sackville (Zone 1)
- Woodstone Residence in Moncton (Zone 1)
- House of Nazareth in Moncton (Zone 1)
- Résidence du Marais in Dieppe (Zone 1)
- Manoir Saint-Jean Baptiste in Bouctouche (Zone 1)
- The Crossing in Saint John (Zone 2)
- Maison du Bonheur in Edmundston (Zone 4)
- Foyer la Renaissance in Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska (Zone 4)
- Agence Résidentielle Restigouche in Campbellton (Zone 5)
- Dalhousie Nursing Home (Villa Renaissance) in Dalhousie (Zone 5)
- Losier Hall in Miramichi (Zone 7)

The other 12 activation sites are:

- Southeast Regional Correctional Centre in Shediac (Zone 1)
- Jordan Life Care Centre in Salisbury (Zone 1)
- B&B Balanced Wellness Centre in Moncton (Zone 1)
- T.J. Maillet Residences in Cocagne (Zone 1)
- Community Residential Living Board in Woodstock (Zone 3)

- Madawaska Regional Correctional Centre in Saint-Hilaire (Zone 4)
- Villa Cayouette in Saint-Quentin (Zone 4)
- Au petit domaine de L'Assomption in Saint-Quentin (Zone 4)
- Foyer Ste-Élizabeth in Baker Brook (Zone 4)
- Foyer Notre-Dame de Saint-Léonard in Saint-Léonard (Zone 4)
- Résidence 4 Saisons in Balmoral (Zone 5)
- Royal Residence in Bathurst (Zone 6)

A recent outbreak at Grand Falls Manor in Grand Falls (Zone 4) was officially declared over today.

Rapid-tests available for pickup at locations throughout province

Free rapid COVID-19 screening tests that people can administer at home are now available for those who have not tested positive for COVID-19.

On Tuesday 10,065 rapid-test kits were distributed across the province.

The tests are designed for people two and older. Most kits have five tests to be used over a 10-day period. People 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult to acquire a kit.

All the locations will be open during their scheduled hours or until the daily supply has been given out. New supplies of test kits will continue to be delivered to the pickup locations throughout the week.

Anyone who has been directed by Public Health to isolate is not permitted to leave isolation if they receive a negative result from a rapid-test kit.

A full list of locations is available online for both [Vitalité](#) and [Horizon](#) health networks. More information on the rapid-test kits program [is available online](#).

Vaccination update

Public Health reported today that 82.9 per cent of eligible New Brunswickers are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and 91.8 per cent have received their first dose of a vaccine.

If you have not yet had your first or second dose, you are asked to go to a [walk-in clinic](#) or book an appointment through a [participating pharmacy](#) or at a [Vitalité or Horizon health network clinic](#) as soon as possible.

All eligible New Brunswickers can book their second-dose appointments for a date that is at least 28 days after their first dose.

Those attending a vaccination clinic are asked to bring their Medicare card, [a signed consent form](#) and, for those receiving their second dose, a copy of the record of immunization provided after receiving their first dose.

A list of upcoming mobile and walk-in clinics [is available online](#).

Beginning the week of Oct. 25, health-care personnel – including those working in long-term care facilities – and residents of First Nations communities will be able to receive an mRNA COVID-19 booster dose if six months have passed since their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Details on booster doses for other groups will be available in the coming weeks.

Circuit breaker in areas with high transmission now in effect

Due to the high number of COVID-19 transmissions, a 14-day circuit breaker went into effect at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8, for certain areas of the province.

These areas are Zone 1 (Moncton region) as far north as and including Sainte-Anne-de-Kent and including Havelock in Zone 2; the northern portion of Zone 3 from and including Deerville and Florenceville-Bristol; and all of Zone 4 (Edmundston region), including Menneval in Zone 5.

More information about the circuit breaker rules, including a detailed list and map of affected communities, is [available online](#).

Regional breakdown of new cases

The 13 new cases in Zone 1 (Moncton region) are as follows:

- five people 19 and under;
- a person 20-29;
- a person 30-39;
- two people 40-49;
- a person 50-59;
- a person 60-69;
- a person 70-79; and
- a person 80-89.

All cases are under investigation.

The 10 new cases in Zone 2 (Saint John region) are as follows:

- two people 19 and under;
- two people 20-29;
- a person 40-49;
- four people 50-59; and
- a person 60-69.

All cases are under investigation.

The 17 new cases in Zone 3 (Fredericton region) are as follows:

- four people 19 and under;
- three people 20-29;
- two people 30-39;
- a person 40-49;
- two people 50-59;
- three people 60-69;
- a person 70-79; and
- a person 80-89.

Sixteen cases are under investigation and the other is a contact of a previously confirmed case.

The 11 new cases in Zone 4 (Edmundston region) are as follows:

- two people 19 and under;
- a person 30-39;
- four people 60-69;
- two people 70-79; and
- two people 80-89.

All cases are under investigation.

The 17 new cases in Zone 5 (Campbellton region) are as follows:

- four people 19 and under;
- two people 20-29;
- a person 30-39;

- a person 40-49;
- three people 50-59;
- a person 70-79;
- three people 80-89; and
- two people 90 and over.

All cases are under investigation.

The one case in Zone 7 (Miramichi region) is a person 19 and under. The case is under investigation.

Additional information is available on the [COVID-19 dashboard](#).

Cases in schools and child-care facilities

Information on cases in schools is now available on the [Healthy and Safe Schools website](#) and the [COVID-19 dashboard](#).

No new cases have been confirmed in child-care facilities today. Since Sept. 7, 56 early learning and child-care facilities have had confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Potential public exposures

Anyone with symptoms of the virus, as well as anyone who has been at the site of a [possible public exposure](#), is urged to [request a test online](#) to get an appointment.

A map of potential public exposures can also be found on the [COVID-19 dashboard](#).