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Horizon continues to advocate for its employees by ensuring consistent interpretation of the internal policies and collective agreements with regard to various leaves of absence that may be required as a result of COVID-19.

We recognize there have been a number of updates to [this table](#) since it was first released in September 2020, and we encourage all employees to review the information carefully.

The leave table was designed to help you navigate your benefit entitlements during the pandemic.

This guide shows a number of scenarios you may encounter over the next months involving yourself or your dependents, and the current leave entitlements to which you may be eligible.

In cases where employees must miss time from work and a suitable alternate arrangement cannot be made, employees will need to use, in accordance with normal practice, the various leaves available to them in the applicable collective agreement or non-bargaining policy.

Horizon is sincerely appreciative of the efforts made by our dedicated employees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any questions, please contact your manager or local Human Resources Advisor.



[Questions and answers with an infectious disease specialist](#)

Do you have questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine?

If you or someone close to you has not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine, we want to know more about why. As Horizon moves toward mandatory vaccination for staff and

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physicians, we want to provide additional support to those who have questions and concerns.

On Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. we will offer a live, virtual Q & A with Horizon's Dr. Stephen Robinson, Infectious Disease Specialist. The session will be recorded and posted on Skyline for those who cannot attend. (An invitation to this meeting will follow).

To ensure everyone can ask a question or share concerns, either because you cannot attend or wish to do so anonymously, we have set up a survey through Interceptum.

Click [here](#) to complete the survey **by Wednesday, Oct. 27.**

The survey asks:

- What is the primary reason you or members of your family / social group are not vaccinated?
- What information / answers do you believe would influence this choice and encourage vaccination?
- What is your primary question about COVID-19 vaccination?

Completing the survey ensures Dr. Robinson addresses the most common questions and concerns. The chat will also be open for questions related to the COVID-19 vaccine.

While we encourage all questions, this session will focus on addressing hesitations toward receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, and not the policy related to mandatory vaccination.



GNB Update

Public Health reported 22 new cases of COVID-19 and three deaths today.

Public Health reported today that 83.9 per cent of eligible New Brunswickers are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and 92.2 per cent have received their first dose of a vaccine.

Of the 39 people hospitalized due to the virus, 20 are unvaccinated, three are partially vaccinated and 16 are fully vaccinated. There are 14 people in an intensive care unit, 11 of whom are unvaccinated, two of whom are partially vaccinated and one is fully vaccinated.

Beginning today, mobile rapid screening kit pickup sites will open to provide New Brunswickers with easier access to rapid screening tests.

Twenty mobile sites have been added across the province by [Horizon Health Network](#). Each mobile site will be open one day a week from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A full list of Vitalité Health Network's sites [is also available online](#).

Anyone who receives a positive result from a rapid-test kit taken at home must immediately schedule an appointment for a lab-based PCR test at a Public Health assessment centre.

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