

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

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COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Guidance

Health care workers (HCWs) working in outbreak facilities / units

As you are aware, New Brunswick is seeing an increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases. In order to prevent the unintentional spread of COVID-19, the following HCW restrictions are in place for those working in an outbreak facility or a patient care unit in an outbreak:

- HCWs refrain from working in health facilities external to Horizon where an outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared. This would include nursing homes, special care homes, other adult residential facilities, etc.
- The number of HCWs caring for COVID-19 patients should be minimized whenever possible.
- HCWs should be cohorted to work only with COVID-19 patients whenever possible.
- HCWs should be assigned to work in their primary workplace (more than 50% of their time) and not work in multiple facilities.

NOTE: This does not prevent an employee from responding to an urgent need for staffing resources issued by GNB or the PROMT Team to assist in an outbreak.

Please note that employees are still permitted to work at multiple Horizon facilities.

For employees and physicians who currently work in an adult residential facility where there is an outbreak of COVID-19, please contact your manager.

Please visit the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline Page](#) for COVID-19 information.