

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19
COMMITTEE**

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**COVID-19 Infection Prevention & Control Guidance:
Designated Support Person (DSP) Updates**

Revised IPC DSP Vaccination Guidelines

Updated to include process for DSPs to access Hospital COVID-19 on-site testing clinics

DSPs can now access available Horizon regional hospital on-site COVID-19 testing clinics as an option to complete required testing as per the IPC DSP Vaccination Guidelines.

The [IPC DSP Vaccination Guidelines](#) have been updated to include the process of how the DSP can access a PCR swab and Abbott ID Now POCT including results at the on-site clinics.

Process for DSPs on a patient care unit

In exceptional circumstances, fully vaccinated DSPs will be permitted on COVID-19 outbreak and exposure patient care units. These exceptions are to be reviewed on a case by case basis and must meet the following criteria:

- Compassionate visitation (end of life); **or**
- The patient requires support that cannot be provided by health care workers on a routine basis
- The patient has a designated support person who is able to provide the identified support to them **only and** is available
- The DSP is capable of being compliant with IPC protocols without constant supervision and can be relied on to provide the identified support routinely or as required

If the above criteria are met, additional education is required regarding IPC practices and the DSP is required to complete serial POCTs. Details related to the process are located on page 3 of the [Horizon DSP Operational Plan](#).

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IPC Guidance:

Management of DSPs with travel risk factors (including compassionate visitation)

The [IPC Guidance: Management of DSPs with Travel Risk Factors \(including Compassionate Visitation\)](#) has been updated to align with GNB travel guidelines. It is no longer required for domestic travelers to isolate, test, or register with the province. Government of Canada testing, isolation and registration guidelines remain in place for international travelers.

For further information about the program, please refer to the [DSP Skyline Page](#) or email DSP-PSD@HorizonNB.ca