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New: [Personal pet visitation for inpatients during COVID-19 \(all phases\)](#)

The [Pet Visitation policy](#) has been reviewed and a process developed to reintroduce personal pet visitation for inpatients in acute care facilities, during the pandemic.



New: [External service providers for Horizon inpatients during COVID-19 \(all phases\)](#)

An IPC Guideline was developed to incorporate a [process for external service providers](#), including complementary and

alternative therapies, to access Horizon facilities for inpatients during the pandemic.



Revised: [Horizon Designated Support Person \(DSP\) Program](#)

The [IPC: DSP Vaccination Guidelines May 19, 2022](#) have been updated to include the following information for the [Horizon Designated Support Person \(DSP\) Program](#):

- All patients including inpatients, outpatients and Emergency Department patients are permitted to have a DSP.
- Patients with a length of stay greater than 14 days are permitted to identify up to 5 DSPs, with one present at a time.

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- Residents of Horizon LTC facilities are permitted to identify up to 5 DSPs, with two permitted to visit a resident in a LTC facility at one time.
- A strategy for the management of this increase in number of DSPs.
- COVID-19 testing requirements for vaccinated DSPs on Outbreak and Exposure Units. DSPs will be advised to obtain a PCR test immediately when informed of the outbreak then twice a week until the outbreak is declared over.



Revised: [Patient/visitor screening tool and Employee Health travel guidelines for health care workers](#)

The ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee was asked to revisit risk factors associated with travel to the State of Maine. It was noted that throughout the pandemic, international travel has been associated with increased risk of both COVID-19 infection and newer variants.

While these risk factors remain a reality, the current incidence of COVID-19 and the COVID-19 test positivity rate in New Brunswick are higher than in the State of Maine. As a result, the risk factors associated with travel into the State of Maine have been removed.



The [Patient/Visitor Screening Tool](#) and the [Employee Health: Travel Guidelines for HCWs](#) have been revised to query travel outside of Canada and the State of Maine in the last 10 days.

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



Revised: [Travel guidelines](#)

We have revised our travel guidelines. Travel to Maine is now considered the same as travel within Canada for testing recommendations. Testing is recommended for travel outside of Canada (excluding Maine). The new guidelines can be viewed [here](#).

[Reminder: Proof of COVID-19 booster \(third dose\)](#)

Thank you for submitting proof of your COVID-19 vaccine through our [online portal](#). Please continue to provide this to Employee Health so we can keep your records up to date. This platform is for employees and salaried physicians. A few things to consider:

Privacy and security: The platform has been reviewed and

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approved by our Chief Privacy Officer as well as our Regional Information Security Officer. It has been deemed secure and safe for you to use. Your information is only viewed by our Employee Health Wellness and Safety team.

Access: You must use Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome to open this program. If you are not seeing fields to fill in, copy and paste the address below into one of the approved browsers:

<https://horizonnb.kicsdata.com/formentry.php?type=new&formId=5&launchedFrom=formList>

Additional support: You can receive support by dropping into one of our Employee Health and Wellness clinics, Library Services or Employee Health offices.

Reminder: Employee Health and Wellness clinics

Where are they located and when are they open?

- Saint John Regional Hospital, Level 1 Amphitheatre, daily from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- The Moncton Hospital, 5400, Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, Chat Theatre, daily from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Miramichi Regional Hospital: Highland Theatre, Monday to Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Who is this for?

Any employee requiring Day 0, Day 5, or Day 10 testing on an exposure unit, or asymptomatic staff who wish to be tested or are directed to be tested.

What you need?

No appointment required. Please bring your Medicare card.

What tests are offered?

You can have a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or Abbott ID point of care test (POCT).

Can I come from an outside facility to one of the Employee Health and Wellness clinics?

Yes! We welcome you to use this service, however, you cannot enter the facility if you fail COVID-19 screening and/or are symptomatic. If you do not have parking access, we will provide complimentary parking passes.

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