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[Employee Health form updated to accept proof of ALL booster doses of COVID-19](#)

We have updated our form to accept all COVID-19 booster dose(s). Each dose needs to be submitted as a single entry.

You can use a computer or your phone to submit your proof of a COVID-19 booster dose. For assistance in completing, see steps below **OR** contact Employee Health office **OR** Library services.

- Click [here](#) for the form to submit your proof of vaccination, or the QR code on the right



Step ONE: Look up your name by clicking on “employee lookup” and entering your **employee number** and **date of birth**.

Step TWO: Select the COVID-19 vaccine that you received.

Step THREE: Enter the date of your vaccine dose.

Step FOUR: Choose your file (png, pdf,gif, jpg) then click **Upload**

Step FIVE: Read and click the attestation.

Step SIX: Enter today’s date, or the date you are submitting the form.

Step SEVEN: Click ‘complete form’ to submit.

Please note: This form has been approved by privacy office for use and is confidential and secure. The information you submit is only viewed by Employee Health, Wellness and Safety Department.

[Frequently asked questions about submitting proof of booster doses of COVID-19](#)

1. **Can I bring my proof of COVID-19 vaccine to Employee Health office if I am unable to upload my proof through the form?**

Yes, you can bring it directly to our office and we will record the proof.

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2. [What if I am returning from leave and have not provided any proof of COVID-19 vaccines?](#)

Contact Employee Health at **1-833-978-2580** and we will assist you.

3. [What if I get an error message or the form is not working?](#)

Ensure you are using Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge as a browser. Internet Explorer will not support this form.

[Revisions to IPC Guidance: Operating Room Theatres and OR Decision Pathway for Horizon Facilities in IPC Orange Phase](#)

Effective Aug. 1, 2022, the ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee recommends resuming routine pre-op testing for all patients due to the increased in COVID-19 activities. The guidelines have been revised to reflect the following:

- Obtain COVID-19 swab for patients 48 hrs prior to surgery. A PCR test received up to 72 hrs remains acceptable and these patients will be required to self-isolate between the COVID-19 test date and their surgery date. This testing is to determine if it is safe to proceed to surgery.
- Patients scheduled for Day of Surgery Admission quality for a rapid PCR test using the GeneXpert platform, as these patients meet the criteria for a rapid PCR test on admission. If the resources are not



available to perform a rapid PCR test using the GeneXpert platform, a PCR test performed within 48 hrs is acceptable.

[Recreation activities / live music in long term care units and facilities in IPC Orange Phase](#)

The ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee was asked to consider if recreational activities and allowing live performers to entertain patients within LTC units and facilities could resume in the IPC Orange Phase. The Committee supported that these activities could be safely reintroduced as long as IPC practices are followed.

[Continuous masking for inpatients during IPC Red and Orange Phases](#)

To mitigate risks for patients, the ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee recommends the following practice:

- **Masking required:**
 - Inpatients who leave their room or bedspace and those who cannot maintain physical distance (Addiction and Mental Health) will be required to wear a face mask.
 - All outpatients will be provided with a medical grade face mask by the screeners at facility entrances.

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- **Masking encouraged but not mandated:**
 - Inpatients will be provided with a medical grade face mask and will be encouraged to wear the mask while awake and as tolerated, when someone (health care worker, Designated Support Person, and/or social visitor) enters their room or bedside during IPC Orange Phase.

NOTE: Masks should not be used for patients who have difficulty breathing or who are unable to remove the mask on their own (e.g., due to decreased level of consciousness, physical ability, young age, mental illness, or cognitive impairment).

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

Children aged six months to five years eligible for COVID-19 vaccine

FREDERICTON (GNB) – Appointments can now be booked for children between the ages of six months and five years to receive their first dose of the Moderna Spikevax mRNA vaccine against COVID-19.

These vaccination appointments begin the first week of August.

Children aged five to 11 have been eligible for a Pfizer vaccine approved for that age group since last November.

Appointments for children aged two or older may be scheduled through [a participating pharmacy](#) or through a regional health authority's [online booking system](#).

Appointments for children under two must be scheduled through a regional health authority's [online booking system](#).

Children under the age of 16 must have the consent of a parent or guardian to be vaccinated. A consent form [is available online](#) and at the clinics.

“Since the beginning, vaccination has been a crucial way to protect individuals from the most severe impacts of COVID-19 and to help protect others,” said Dr. Yves Léger, acting deputy chief medical officer of health. “COVID-19 is still with us, and, as children return to normal activities in the fall that are important to their growth and development, vaccination will be one more way that they can be protected.”

Parents or guardians can schedule an appointment by using the online booking system or by calling 1-833-437-1424.

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