

Bulletin #209: COVID-19 Information

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COVID-19 immunization clinics

Beginning Wednesday, Aug. 10, Employee Health and Wellness will host weekly vaccination clinics on Wednesdays. To request an appointment at one of our on-site clinics please call the number for your area:

Fredericton	506-452-5469	Room 2311A DECRH
Moncton	506-857-5373	Room 6508 (6 th floor) TMH
Miramichi	506-623-3219	Level 2, same area as Employee Health MRH
Saint John	506-648-6959	Level 0, Employee Health SJRH

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If you have an appointment booked with us, please consider the following:

1. Bring a copy of your immunization record.
2. Bring a signed copy of the consent form. To download, click [here](#).
3. If you are unwell or unable to keep your appointment, please cancel by calling the clinic in your area.

Frequently asked questions

Has the definition of fully vaccinated changed? Yes, effective Sept. 1, the new definition is: **two primary doses** plus a **booster** with the latest dose being received **no more than six months ago**

What if I've had COVID-19? Public Health is recommending you wait five (5) months following your positive COVID-19 results before receiving your booster dose. You **will** be considered up to date during this time.

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Am I being mandated to get a booster every six months?

No. There is no vaccine mandate, however, it is strongly recommended by Public Health that you keep your COVID-19 vaccine status up to date. If you are not up to date, you will be required to follow risk mitigation strategies provided to you by Horizon.

What are the risk mitigation strategies I must follow if I am not up to date with my COVID-19 vaccines?

1. **Health Care Worker (HCW) Scenario Guidelines:** Additional testing for Scenario 5 is required for HCWs who are not up to date with their COVID-19 Memo vaccine. The updated HCW scenario guidelines can be found [here](#).
2. **POCT testing:** POCT is available for any HCW who chooses to test three times per week and can be obtained through your unit/department manager upon request. There is no requirement to report negative results. Please notify Employee Health with positive results.
3. **Masking:** Appropriate masking (per PPE guidelines) per facility guidelines.
4. **Screening:** Symptom screening is required at the beginning of every shift as outlined on screening posters posted at all employee/physician entrances. Questions for employees and physicians are available [here](#).

Employee Wellness COVID-19 initiatives

We are pleased to launch two new wellness initiatives related to COVID-19: an employee greeter program at the four



regional hospitals that have seen increases in outbreak units, as well as an enhanced outdoor seating project across Horizon.

The employee wellness greeters will be at different entrances, at different times through the month of August. They will have Employee and Family Assistance Program brochures, extra masks, if needed, and point of care tests. We also have some small gifts to give out as an incentive to follow infection prevention and control guidelines. **If you're wearing a mask and washing your hands upon entry to our facility, you may win a prize — it's that simple!**

We are reviewing all areas outdoor seating capacity and adding additional picnic tables as we are able for our staff to enjoy during the next few months. Our intent is to encourage our staff to eat outside as much as possible, enjoying the fresh air while getting out of break rooms. You will continue to see new picnic tables around our facilities in the coming weeks.

Thank you to the facility management team for their support with this project!

Reminder: IPC Orange Phase

Please remember all Horizon facilities remain on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Orange Phase Precautions. These precautions include:

Hand hygiene: performing hand hygiene upon entry and exit to any Horizon facility, before and after all patient interactions.

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Masking: health care workers working in clinical and non-clinical areas are required to wear **medical grade face masks at all times** in all areas of their workplace when a physical barrier (i.e. plexiglass) is not in place to prevent transmission of droplets.

Physical distancing: in cafeterias, departmental lunchrooms, meeting rooms and amphitheatres remains at two metres (six feet).

For IPC guidance for all phases, please consult the All Phases - Chart IPC Guidance [here](#).



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