

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #214a – COVID-19 – ID-IPC Update

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Patient/Visitor and Designated Support Person (DSP) Screening Tools – Updated

Effective today, patient/visitor/DSP active screening criteria will be revised and the query “Have you travelled outside of Canada or the State of Maine in the last 7 days?” will be removed from the patient/visitor/DSP active screening tool. The current screening tool can be found [here](#).

Recreation activities and live music on long term care (LTC) units/facilities

Recreational activities and live performers are permitted in LTC units and LTC facilities during the Orange Phase as long as safe IPC practices are followed. All visitors/performers are required to wear a face mask continuously while in a Horizon facility.

Reintroduction of the Pet Therapy Program on long term care (LTC) units/facilities

The Pet Therapy Program will be re-introduced in LTC units and LTC facilities during the Orange Phase as long as the following criteria are met:

- Safe IPC practices are maintained
- [IPC Guidelines: Pet Therapy/Service Animals](#) are followed
- The pet handler is registered with Volunteer Services at Horizon and has completed the required IPC education
- Pet therapy is not permitted on a COVID-19 outbreak unit or for a suspect/confirmed COVID-19 patient.

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