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[Patient/Visitor and Designated Support Person \(DSP\) Screening Tools – Updated](#)

Effective today, the 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.

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[Health Care Worker \(HCW\) Scenario Guidelines](#)

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Horizon's response to COVID-19. We continue to review all new research and collaborate with Vitalité and other provinces across Canada, making changes to our protocols as evidence supports it.

Employee Health has made the following changes to the HCW Scenarios:

- Removed all reference to vaccination status regarding testing and time required off work from our HCW scenario guidelines
- Removed the recommendation for a day 10 test after a home or community exposure in scenario # 5

Note: The ebHR portal for managers to assess vaccine status will be suspended at this time due to the above changes.

HCW Scenarios, Summary, and FAQs have been updated and can be found on Skyline [here](#).

Ongoing risk mitigation measures (wearing a mask and self-screening for symptoms) **will continue to apply to all employees.**

[COVID-19 and Influenza: Q & A](#)

We have developed a Q & A for your reference related to the differences and similarities between COVID-19 and Influenza and information about vaccination against both illnesses. This document can be found [here](#) and on the [Employee Health Resource Page for COVID-19](#).

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