

# COVID-19 Update

## Employee and Physician Information



## February 25, 2021

- February 24, 2021 – 8 cases
  - All cases are in the Eastern Health region.
- February 23, 2021 – 15 cases
  - All cases are in the Eastern Health region.
- Total number cases: 963
- Active cases: 345\*
- Recovered cases: 526
- Total number deaths: 5
- Total number in hospital: 6
  - Number in intensive care: 2
- Total vaccine doses administered in NL: 16,458
  - Staff vaccinations: 3,000+
- Most up-to-date numbers: [Provincial COVID-19 pandemic data hub](#).  
*(\*Excludes 3 active cases not in public health follow up within the province.)*

We would like to extend our sincere condolences on the passing of a COVID-19 patient yesterday. This marks the fifth death in the province as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Occupational Health

Staff that are isolating as a result of public health/occupational health direction are required to receive **clearance** from Occupational Health **prior to returning to work**. To reach Occupational Health please email [occhealth@easternhealth.ca](mailto:occhealth@easternhealth.ca) or call 709-777-7777, line 3-2.

## Operation Updates

**Eastern Health IDs** - Staff are reminded that they must show their work ID for security when entering Eastern Health buildings. Please ensure that your ID is out and visible upon entry to avoid causing congestion in traffic flow.

**Parking** - Parking fees for patient parking lots at the Health Sciences Centre and St. Clare's Mercy Hospital are temporarily suspended to reduce the number of high touch points. Staff are reminded to use their approved and appropriate parking space. Patient parking is reserved for patients only.

**Screening** - The screening desk reference guide is now located on the [COVID-19 Intranet page > Resources](#).

**Virtual Care** – Zoom has been made available on all virtual care iPads. Zoom basic is available on these devices for non-clinical virtual visits only and confidential clinical appointments must occur using a

Cisco Jabber or Zoom for Health Care license. For further information, please email [info.telehealth@nlchi.nl.ca](mailto:info.telehealth@nlchi.nl.ca).

## Support persons

A support person is only permitted to accompany a patient to ambulatory care appointments and to the emergency room in certain circumstances, including if the patient:

- has trouble understanding what might be said;
- requires assistance with decision-making;
- requires assistance with mobility;
- requires assistance due to significant behavioral symptoms; or
- has a reasonable expectation of receiving information which may have significant implications for their future health.

If a support person is permitted to attend an appointment, the support person must always stay with the patient.

**Support persons are not permitted to go to the cafeteria to wait for the patient. If the support person is not deemed necessary, they should leave the building.** For full details on visitor restrictions at all Eastern Health facilities, please see: [www.easternhealth.ca/covid19](http://www.easternhealth.ca/covid19).

## Human Resources

**Deployment Taskforce** – Due to the demands of COVID-19, we will be calling some employees in the coming days and weeks to advise when they have been identified for redeployment in another work area. If you'd like more information, please email: [deployment@easternhealth.ca](mailto:deployment@easternhealth.ca). See [Financial Services > Payroll Employee](#) page for related information.

## Important to Note

**Pink Shirt Day** – Pink shirt day was marked this week. Please be kind with yourself and others throughout the ongoing pandemic. Let's work together to make civility and respect part of every interaction! Kindness and respect are within us. Pass it on. Civility and respect resources are available [here](#).

**Missed the last all staff broadcast?** Check out a video recording [here](#).

**Have you got COVID-19 questions?** Submit them ahead on the next broadcast, scheduled for Friday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m., at [corporateeoc@easternhealth.ca](mailto:corporateeoc@easternhealth.ca) with the subject line "all-staff broadcast." A copy of the agenda should be on your email invitation.

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Report all potential communicable diseases to Occupational Health: 709-777-7777, line 3, line 2, or email [occhealth@easternhealth.ca](mailto:occhealth@easternhealth.ca).

Navigator Line: 709-752-3663 (M-S 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) | [www.easternhealth.ca/covid19](http://www.easternhealth.ca/covid19) | [COVID-19 Intranet page](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)