# **COVID-19 Update** Employee and Physician Information



# Update from CEO and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) February 19, 2021

#### General update

- There are 60 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in the province today in the Eastern Health region; 34 of these 60 confirmed cases are previous presumptive cases. There are also 9 new presumptive cases within the Eastern Health region. There are 471 active cases in the province (read more <u>here</u>). Please see pandemic hub for up to date information (**here**).
- We are not expecting to have EOC updates this weekend, however, we will ensure all information continues to be shared as needed throughout the weekend.

## **Operations Update**

- COVID-19 rapid testing began in Corner Brook yesterday for anyone with no symptoms of COVID-19 or contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive. There were 275 tested yesterday. Rapid testing can detect COVID-19 in people who do not have symptoms, helping limit potential spread of the virus. The testing clinic will be running throughout the weekend (read more <u>here</u>).
- IPAC staff and liaisons as well as OHS committee members are regularly completing PPE audits in all facilities. Staff members are also encouraged to complete audits in their areas. When areas for improvement are identified, please be kind when sharing this information with your colleagues. The electronic audit tool is very simple to use and it will take only a minute or two to enter the required information (see <u>here</u>).

## Human Resources Update

- It's important to take care of your mental health during times of uncertainty. It's normal to have feelings of stress or anxiety. See tips to help manage stress during the pandemic (here).
- Please feel free to call the Toll Free COVID-19 Navigation Staff Line (1-833-920-0096) or email COVID19@westernhealth.nl.ca with your questions or inquiries.

Please see our <u>COVID-19 Intranet page</u> for more information.