



# Provincial Opioid Dependence Treatment CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

## UPDATE: COVID-19 Resource Bulletin

February 24, 2021

In light of widespread community transmission of COVID-19 in the metro St. John's area and a return to Alert Level 5, this document contains an updated selection of resources pertinent to opioid dependence treatment, harm reduction, and the provincial take home naloxone program:

### General:

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

*Government of Newfoundland and Labrador*

Visit [www.bridgethegapp.ca](http://www.bridgethegapp.ca) for many free, local mental health and addictions resources and programs available to people of all ages.

### OAMT Provider Resources:

[Opioid Agonist Treatment \(OAT\) Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

*College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador*

[COVID-19 and the Provision of Opioid Agonist Maintenance Treatment](#)

*Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board*

[COVID-19: Information for Opioid Agonist Treatment Prescribers and Pharmacists](#)

*British Columbia Centre on Substance Use*

[Caring for Patients During COVID-19 Task Force Resources:](#)

1. [Adjusting Drug Testing Protocols](#)
2. [Access to Buprenorphine in Office-Based Settings](#)
3. [Ensuring Access to Care in Opioid Treatment Programs](#)
4. [Treating Pregnant People with OUD](#)

*American Society of Addiction Medicine*

[COVID-19 Pandemic: National Rapid Guidance](#)

1. [Supporting people who use substances in shelter settings during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
2. [Telemedicine support for addiction services](#)
3. [Supporting people who use substances in acute care settings during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
4. [Medications and other clinical approaches to support physical distancing for people who use substances during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
5. [Strategies to reduce SARS-CoV-2 transmission in supportive recovery programs and residential addiction treatment services](#)
6. [Harm reduction worker safety during the COVID-19 global pandemic](#)

*Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse*

[Toolkit: COVID-19 and Substance Use](#)

Includes formulary coverage of select medications, FAQ's about access to controlled substances, and an annotated resource list related to COVID-19 and safer supply/substance use disorder treatment.

*Heath Canada*

### Harm Reduction:

[COVID-19 Safer Drug Use Harm Reduction Tips](#)

*Provincial Opioid Dependence Treatment Centre of Excellence*

[Harm Reduction and COVID-19: Guidance Document for Community Service Providers](#)

Details how community services can modify harm reduction practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

*Alberta Health Services*

[Impact of the Pandemic on People Who Use Drugs](#)

*Stimulus Connect*

### Take Home Naloxone:

Take home naloxone kits continue to be available at [sites](#) across the province.

To access safe using supplies, call the Safe Works Access Program at (709) 757-7927 (SWAP) or (709) 634-7927 (SWAP).

### Provincial ODT Services:

[COVID-19 – Supporting People Requiring Opioid Dependence Treatment](#)

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The provincial ODT phone line is available toll-free at **1-844-752-3588** (Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm).

This line is:

- To help individuals navigate the system and connect with supports and services
- For those seeking support for their opioid use, family members, and health-care providers

The regional ODT Hubs are operational, providing ongoing rapid access to treatment. They're also available to consult with and support community-based physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, and counsellors.

### Regional ODT Hub Contact Information:

**St. John's**  
Building 532, 80 Charter Avenue  
(Pleasantville)  
709-752-4478

**Gander**  
**NEW ADDRESS:**  
McCurdy Complex  
1 Markham Place  
709-256-1356

**Corner Brook**  
35 Boones Road  
709-634-4506

**Stephenville**  
127 Montana Drive  
709-643-8740

**Happy Valley-Goose Bay**  
227 Hamilton River Road  
709-897-2125



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