

Update from CEO and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) February 23, 2021

General update

 There are 15 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in the province today all in the Eastern Health region. There are 372 active cases in the province (see <u>here</u>). Please see pandemic hub for up to date information (here).

Operations Update

- We extend sincere appreciation to all staff involved in establishing the rapid testing site. There were 1113 tests completed in Corner Brook from Feb 18-Feb 22, all of which were presumptive negative. This site is now closed. Based on testing results, and other ways in which COVID-19 is monitored, there is no indication of community transmission currently in the Western region.
- Given the outbreak in the St. John's Metro area and the presence of the B117 variant in the province, we will continue to closely monitor the situation and is ready to implement rapid testing sites in other communities if needed.
- We must still continue to be vigilant in following all public health guidance and infection prevention and control practices to protect ourselves, each other, and our communities.

Human Resources Update

- If you're feeling overwhelmed, contact the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at 1-866-784-5306. There are also many resources available to support you to take care of your mental health see <u>here</u>.
- Stay healthy by avoiding using alcohol or cannabis to cope with feeling stressed, bored, or frustrated. Check your habits - Anytime, anywhere with our online Self-Screening Tools at CheckItOutNL.ca.
- 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 **COVID-19 Intranet page** for more information.