

# COVID-19 Update

## Employee and Physician Information



## March 15, 2021

- March 13-15 – no new cases
- March 12, 2021 – 1 new case (related to international travel)
- March 11, 2021 – 1 new case
  - Both in the Eastern Health region.
- Total number cases: 1,012
- Active cases: 50\*
- Recovered cases: 952
- Total number deaths: 6
- Total number in hospital: 3
  - Number in intensive care: 2
- Total vaccine doses administered in NL: 33,621 (as of March 10, 2021).
  - Staff vaccine doses: 8,300
- Most up-to-date numbers: [Provincial COVID-19 pandemic data hub](#).  
(\*Excludes 3 active cases not in public health follow up within the province.)

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- The Avalon region is now in [Alert Level 4](#), while other areas of the province are in [Alert Level 3](#).
  - Schools K-12 resume in-class instruction this week.
  - [New public health measures](#) are in place for rotational workers returning to the province from non-outbreak sites.
  - On March 11, 2021, Eastern Health sites across the region lowered flags to half-mast to mark the National Day of Observance for COVID-19.

## COVID-19 Vaccines

### Public

- COVID-19 vaccines are underway for individuals 85 and older who have pre-registered.
- We are currently booking appointments for individuals aged 70 to 84 years, who have pre-registered for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Members of the public with questions about an already scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointment, should call 1-709-752-7850 or 1-877-925-2100 and leave a message. Calls will be returned Monday to Friday.
- See frequently asked questions, including clinic locations and photos: [www.easternhealth.ca/covid19](http://www.easternhealth.ca/covid19)

### Staff & Physicians

- Frontline health-care workers who may come into direct contact with patients/clients are prioritized for Phase 2.

- Public Health is continuing to identify eligible staff and physicians through programs.
- All remaining Eastern Health employees, who work in administrative roles and work in areas where they are not in contact with patients/clients (i.e., human resources, IT, Finance etc.), will be vaccinated in Phase 3.
- Phase 2 health-care workers will be immunized starting mid to late April.
- We ask that you do not contact the booking clerks as they are only able to book appointments for our current priority groups which include the 70 plus age group and home support workers.
- Staff and physicians are reminded that COVID-19 vaccines are not booked by Occupational Health.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to your manager.
- Full details: [‘Staff Memo – Update on Phase 2 Immunization Plan.’](#)

## Services

- We are working diligently to increase services while respecting public health orders issued by the provincial Medical Officer of Health.
- In addition to urgent and emergent services, we are expanding outpatient visits, testing, surgery and procedures in Level 4 (Avalon) and Level 3 (remainder of the region).
- The [U.S. Memorial Health Centre](#) is resuming services as of today.
- A detailed list of services that are resuming is available at: [www.easternhealth.ca/covid19](http://www.easternhealth.ca/covid19)
- More information: [‘Eastern Health Provides Update on Resumption of Services.’](#)

## Visitation Updates

- New visitation guidelines are in place. Full summary at: [www.easternhealth.ca/covid19](http://www.easternhealth.ca/covid19).
- [Updated visitation guidelines document](#) is now available for acute care, long-term care, personal care homes, community care and home visiting, effective March 14, 2021.
- [Visitor guidance for end-of-life and palliative care](#), effective March 13, 2021.

## Important to Note

- Daily **COVID-19 self-assessment**: [forms.healthenl.ca/selfassessment](https://forms.healthenl.ca/selfassessment).
- The **Occupational Health Line**, at 709-777-7777, path 3-2, has reduced hours. Please call 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or email [occhealth@easternhealth.ca](mailto:occhealth@easternhealth.ca).
- [Mental health minute](#)
- Call the Employee & Physician Navigation line at 709-752-3663 for work accommodations & other supports.

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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).

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