

COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



March 2, 2021

- March 1, 2021 – 2 new cases
 - All in the Eastern Health region.
- February 28, 2021 – 4 new cases
 - 3 cases in the Eastern Health region.
- Total number cases: 989
- Active cases: 236*
- Recovered cases: 743
- Total number deaths: 6
- Total number in hospital: 11
 - Number in intensive care: 6
- 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.)*

St. Clare's Mercy Hospital – COVID-19 Cases

- All inpatients and the majority of staff of have now been tested, 90% of results are back.
- A total of 12 patients and/or staff on Unit 6E have tested positive.
- Unit 6E is now closed for a minimum of 14 days pending clearance from IPAC and Occupational Health.
- Public health measures are continuing throughout the facility, including:
 - enhanced cleaning protocols.
 - enhanced PPE protocols.
 - staff breaks spaced and timed to allow for adequate social distancing in shared spaces.
 - minimized movement of staff across units.
- Full details: ['Eastern Health Provides Update on COVID-19 Cases at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital'](#).

Occupational Health & Safety

- Contact tracing for staff who tested positive at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital is completed.
- Daily **COVID-19 self-assessment**: forms.healthnl.ca/selfassessment.
- Determine appropriate PPE use through the [Point of Care Risk Assessment \(PCRA\)](#).
- **Accommodations & other supports for staff** – please call the Employee & Physician Navigation line at 709-752-3663.
- Staff who are isolating due to public health/occupational health direction require **clearance** from Occupational Health **prior to returning to work**.

- Have questions? Please contact Occupational Health at occhealth@easternhealth.ca or by phone at 709-777-7777, path 3-2, 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to midnight.

Infection Prevention and Control

- A **face shield and mask** must be worn during all **client encounters** in all inpatient, community and residential settings, including long-term care. [See full recommendations.](#)
- Masks should **only** be removed while eating or drinking.
- Eat only in designated eating areas, e.g. break rooms, cafeterias.
- Drink only when you are alone and can properly remove your mask.
- It is mandatory to **maintain six feet/2 metres between staff when unmasked and while eating or drinking**. Please remember, there is no such thing as a “work bubble”.
- All personal items, including food items, should be stored in designated areas and not in common spaces (example: nursing desks).

Important to Note

All-staff broadcast

- The next all-staff broadcast is scheduled for later today, March 2, 2021 at 11 a.m.
- Submit your questions ahead of time at corporateeoc@easternhealth.ca with subject “all-staff broadcast.”

Misinformation & social media

- Thank you for your continued efforts to stay-up-date on what is happening.
- As staff and physicians of Eastern Health, be aware that misinformation on social media creates concern among other health-care providers and the public.
- When commenting or sharing information on social media, remember your responsibilities and professional standards /codes of ethics.
- To learn more: [Eastern Health’s social media policy and guidelines.](#)

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

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