

COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



March 4, 2021

- March 4, 2021 – 5 new cases
- March 3, 2021 – 3 new cases
- March 2, 2021 – 5 new cases
 - All cases in the Eastern Health region.
- Total number cases: 1,002
- Active cases: 121*
- Recovered cases: 871
- Total number deaths: 6
- Total number in hospital: 8
 - Number in intensive care: 2
- Total vaccine doses administered in NL: 24,757
 - 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.)*

COVID-19 Vaccines

- A revised second dose vaccine schedule for all vaccines was approved for use in Canada extending the interval for the second dose of vaccine to **four months**.
- All second doses appointments currently booked for employees have been cancelled.
- Staff and physicians will be contacted at a later time with a new appointment date.
- See the National Advisory [Committee on Immunizations \(NACI\) recommendation](#).
- Read the full memo: 'Second Dose Vaccine Appointments for Staff'.

Trepassey Community Health Clinic – COVID-19 Cases

- The Trepassey Community Health Clinic (Nurse Abernathy) is closed for the day after an individual tested positive for COVID-19.
- Occupational Health is reaching out to contacts and will provide further guidance on testing and isolation.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols have been implemented.
- Full details: ['Trepassey Community Health Clinic Closed Today'](#).

Occupational Health & Safety

- Contact tracing for staff at the Trepassey Clinic is underway.
- Daily **COVID-19 self-assessment**: forms.healthnl.ca/selfassessment.

- **Movement of staff** – is being limited, please use tracking sheets where available to facilitate contact tracing.
- **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.

PPE Supply

- Determine appropriate PPE use through the [Point of Care Risk Assessment \(PCRA\)](#).
- 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](#).
- Daily PPE supply scorecard is now available on the [COVID-19 intranet: PPE Supply Chain](#).

Masks & common spaces

- 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.
- **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”.
- Do not remove or rearrange furniture to add more people to a table.
- All personal items, including food items, should be stored in designated areas and not in common spaces (example: nursing desks).

Important to Note

- Submit your questions ahead of the next all-staff broadcast (to be scheduled) at corporateeoc@easternhealth.ca with subject “all-staff broadcast.”
- [Choose kindness: A letter to the editor](#) regarding COVID-19, social media and cyberbullying.
- As staff and physicians of Eastern Health, when using social media, remember your responsibilities, professional standards and codes of ethics: [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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