

COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



April 23, 2021

- April 17 to April 22 – 14 new cases
 - 8 in Eastern Health
 - 6 Western Health
- Total number cases: 1,052
- Active cases: 26*
- Recovered cases: 1,016
- Total number deaths: 6
- Total number in hospital: 0
- Total vaccine doses administered in NL: 141,034 (as of April 20, 2021).
 - # health-care worker vaccine doses in the Eastern region: 15,335 (Includes LTC workers in private sector. As of April 21, 2021).
- Most up-to-date data: [Provincial COVID-19 pandemic data hub](#). (*Excludes 3 active cases not in public health follow up within the province.)

IPAC & Workplace Safety

- Mask compliance is mandatory in all health-care facilities.
- Health workers in shared workspaces must continue to always wear masks (even if spaced six feet apart).
- Masks must be worn at all times, with the exception of when 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.
 - Keep a distance of six feet between staff when eating/drinking and when unmasked.
 - There is no such thing as a “work bubble.”
- Meetings should happen virtually whenever possible.
- If in-person meetings are essential, masks and social distancing are mandatory.

COVID-19 Vaccines

- We continue to vaccinate residents ages 65 years and older.
 - People should continue to check the booking website as clinics are added weekly at <https://portal.healthmyself.net/nleasterhealth/forms/XM0>.
 - Full details, www.easternhealth.ca/covid19vaccine.
- The AstraZeneca vaccination clinics for individuals 55 to 64, which opened earlier this week, are now full.
- As we continue to move through priority groups, we will be moving to open calls, meaning there will be no more pre-registration.
- We are reaching out to individuals who work in the dental community to book their vaccines.

- Vaccination clinics for clinically vulnerable populations and rotational workers will open in the coming days.

Ontario's Request for Support

- Ontario is experiencing a devastating third wave of COVID-19.
- Thank you to all volunteers who have expressed an interest to help Ontario.
- The number of health-care workers who have come forward to offer to help their fellow Canadians, is humbling.
- The level of support we provide to Ontario will strike a balance with our ability to sustain services in our province.
- We are currently working through the details with the Department of Health and Community Services and the other RHAs.
- We expect to have these details finalized soon and will follow up directly with those staff who have been identified to participate in these efforts.

Important to Note

- Daily **COVID-19 self-assessment**: forms.healthenl.ca/selfassessment.
- Participate in our mask compliance audits:
 - Simply conduct a visual audit within Eastern Health sites and complete a survey based on your observations during your workday.
 - Survey and instructions at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/maskcomplianceEH>.
 - Questions? Email the mysafety@easternhealth.ca or 777-7777 (Pathway 3, 3).
- Download the Employee and physician Beacon app today:
 - Find the latest COVID-19 staff update and the COVID-19 Daily Self-Assessment at your fingertips.
 - Follow the quick two-part installation process outlined on the [Beacon App Intranet page](#), or [Eastern Health Beacon App – Download Instructions \(PDF\)](#).
 - The Beacon app, for Eastern Health employees and physicians, is completely safe and easy to use and works on any Apple or Android device.
- **Posters** – A series of COVID-19 communication materials are available for use.
 - Please ensure you have the most **up-to-date versions**. Dated materials should be reviewed and removed from circulation in a timely manner.

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

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