COVID-19 Update Employee and Physician Information

Update from CEO and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) April 29, 2021

General update

- There were two new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the province today, both in the Eastern Health region. Yesterday, there were four new cases in the province and three of these were in the Western Health region. All of these cases are related to travel. Please see pandemic hub for up to date information <u>here</u>.
- On Monday, Bonnie Chaulk, RN, travelled to Ontario, along with eight other health care workers from Newfoundland to assist in the COVID-19 response. We are appreciative of Bonnie's efforts and confident that she will do us proud. We are reviewing the expressions of interest and our operational requirements to determine if we are able to provide additional support to Ontario.

Human Resources Update

- Covid-19 vaccination appointments are now available for all health care workers who
 may come into direct contact with patients, which includes private health care workers
 and Western Health staff. Given this change, Employee Health will no longer accept new
 requests for vaccination. Employee Health will be in contact with all staff who applied and
 have not yet received their vaccination to ensure they are aware of booking options. We
 encourage all employees to become vaccinated when they are eligible (read more here).
- Employee Health will be on-call starting today with the following hours: Monday to Friday until 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Employee Health can be reached during these times at 639-5009.
- Taking care of yourself and others may be more important now than ever. We invite you
 to challenge yourself, family members, and friends to complete as many <u>Take Care Tips</u>
 as possible throughout the month of May. Celebrate your successes and share them with
 the Wellness Committee for the opportunity to receive a prize by emailing
 <u>wellnesscommittee@westernhealth.nl.ca</u>. Get your <u>printable calendar here</u>.
- If you need support, contact the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at 1-866-784-5306.
- Please feel free to call the Toll Free COVID-19 Navigation Staff Line (1-833-920-0096) or email <u>COVID19@westernhealth.nl.ca</u> with your questions or inquiries.

Please see our COVID-19 Intranet page for more information