

COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



March 19, 2021

- March 19 – 0 new cases
- March 18 – 1 new case (related to international travel)
- March 17 – 0 new cases
- March 16, 2021 – 1 new case (related to international travel)
- Total number cases: 1,014
- Active cases: 26*
- Recovered cases: 978
- Total number deaths: 6
- Total number in hospital: 1
- Total vaccine doses administered in NL: 46,000+ (as of March 10, 2021).
 - Staff vaccine doses: 8,700+
- 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

- Vaccination for first responders started today, and work is progressing as per priority groups.
- Eastern Health has established a toll-free telephone line for member of the public who are unable to book their appointment online, need to cancel or reschedule their appointment or who have any other questions regarding their COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Individuals with any questions related to the COVID-19 vaccine may call 1-833-951-3884, seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Information for staff vaccination: '[Staff Memo – Update on Phase 2 Immunization Plan](#).'
- Public vaccination is available by appointment only and is currently open to pre-registered individuals who are in groups that have been prioritized for vaccine, including first responders, home support workers, and individuals 80 years of age and older, and in some communities, individuals in the 70 plus range.
- Public vaccination clinics are taking place throughout the region on various dates and times, in Bonavista, Lethbridge, Clarenville, Marystown, Grand Bank, Arnold's Cove, Whitbourne, Holyrood, Norman's Cove, Placentia, Old Perlican, Heart's Delight-Islington, St. Bride's, St. Mary's, Carbonear, St. John's (including east and west end), Conception Bay South, Bell Island and Ferryland.

COVID-19 Testing Clinic

- The temporary drive-through testing clinic at the Reid Centre in Mount Pearl is now closed.

- COVID-19 testing will continue at the Janeway Children’s Rehabilitation Centre and the Waterford Hospital.
- Full details: “[Eastern Health Closes COVID-19 Testing Clinic in Mount Pearl.](#)”

Important to Note

- Effective 4:00 p.m. today, Friday March 19, 2021, all EOC’s within the current COVID-19 Corporate EOC structure may be deactivated unless otherwise indicated.
 - An operations/planning oversight structure will be activated early next week to support consistency throughout the region, and to provide the conduit for the flow of regional information from the provincial and corporate level.
 - The ops/Planning group will operate Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Afterhours and weekend matters may be resolved through the normal line of authority, and through Site Clinical Manager and Director on Call, with escalation where necessary.
- Daily **COVID-19 self-assessment**: forms.healthnl.ca/selfassessment.
- See [family presence/support person caregiver guidelines](#) during visitor restrictions.
- [Updated Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures for COVID-19 Patients](#)
- Starting March 22, the **Occupational Health Line**, at 709-777-7777, path 3-2, will return to regular hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. On-call will be discontinued as of this date. Occupational Health can also be contacted by email at occhealth@easternhealth.ca.
- Looking for info on supports? Call the Employee & Physician Navigation line at 709-752-3663.
- Gift shops may reopen in acute care and long-term care with the appropriate public health measures in place.
- Service resumption information is available at: www.easternhealth.ca/covid19.

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

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