

# COVID-19 Update

## Employee and Physician Information



## May 14, 2021

- May 8 to May 13 – 46 new cases
  - 22 in Eastern Health
  - 11 in Western Health
  - 12 in Central Health
  - 1 in Labrador-Grenfell Health
- Total number cases: 1,173
- Active cases: 82\*
- Recovered cases: 1,081
- Total number deaths: 6
- Total number in hospital: 0
- Total vaccine doses administered in NL: 219,826 (as of May 12, 2021).
  - # health-care worker vaccine doses in the Eastern region: 19,031  
*(Includes LTC workers in private sector. As of May 12, 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.)*

## Provincial COVID-19 Update

- Port aux Basques/Codroy Valley area is at Alert Level 4.
- Remainder of the Province is at Alert Level 2.
- Effective Saturday (May 15, 2021) at 12:01 a.m., a special measures order will be in effect, requiring all travellers aged five and older to be tested according to their self-isolation arrangements. This new testing protocol does not apply to essential workers and rotational workers coming from non-outbreak sites in Canada, as they would be subject to their own existing protocols. [More information](#).
- More information: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/>.

## COVID-19 Vaccines

- Additional COVID-19 vaccination clinics are now open to:
  - Individuals aged 40 and above;
  - [Clinically extremely vulnerable](#) children 12 years of age and over at the time of their vaccine; and
  - Household members of rotational workers including truck drivers and flight crews.
- The vaccines used in these clinics are mRNA (Pfizer BioNTech and/or Moderna).
- Children 12 to 17 years of age are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine.
  - Note the **correct timing** between the COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines for children 12 years and older. [More information](#).

- We will provide information on rescheduling of second dose appointments at a later date.
- On Friday, May 14, individuals aged 30 and above will be eligible to book an appointment.
- On Monday, May 17, the remainder of the eligible population (12 and older) will be eligible to book an appointment.
- More information on existing clinics at: [www.easternhealth.ca/covid19vaccine](http://www.easternhealth.ca/covid19vaccine).

## Employees & Physicians

### *Second dose*

- The second COVID-19 dose is just as important as the first dose.
- Eligible health-care workers should have received an appointment for their 2nd dose based on the 16-week vaccination interval introduced on March 3.
- If you do not have information on your 2nd dose appointment or you don't have a 2nd dose appointment, please email [covid.vaccination@easternhealth.ca](mailto:covid.vaccination@easternhealth.ca), and include your name, date of birth, MCP, the date and location of your first dose appointment and the type of vaccine that you received.

### *Pomelo website*

- Eligible Eastern Health employees and physicians can book COVID-19 vaccination through NLCHI's Pomelo website: <https://portal.healthmyself.net/nleasterhealth/forms/XM0>.
- If you experience issues accessing/loading the site, please open Google Chrome and clear your web browsing cache by clicking Ctrl+F5.

## Infection Prevention and Control

- An updated [040. COVID-19 Outbreak Guidance for Acute and Long-Term Care Facilities \(PDF\)](#) was issued on May 4, 2021.
- For the most up-to-date documentation, please visit the [COVID-19 intranet page > IPAC Resources](#).
- Questions may be directed to: [IPAC@easternhealth.ca](mailto:IPAC@easternhealth.ca).

## 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.

## Important to Note

- We are providing an additional **type of mask** to visitors, patients and clients upon entry to Eastern Health sites. The masks are appropriately ASTM-rated for visitors.
- **One** designated **support person/caregiver** may be permitted to accompany patients while visitor restrictions are in place.

- If a support person is permitted to attend an appointment, the support person must always stay with the patient.
  - Full details on visitor restrictions: [www.easternhealth.ca/covid19](http://www.easternhealth.ca/covid19).
  - Daily **COVID-19 self-assessment**: [forms.healthenl.ca/selfassessment](https://forms.healthenl.ca/selfassessment).
  - **Mask compliance audits**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/maskcomplianceEH>.
  - **Beacon app**: [Download the latest employee & physician safety app today!](#)
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