

COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



May 7, 2021

- May 1 to May 7 – 38 new cases
 - 21 in Eastern Health
 - 6 in Western Health
 - 8 in Central Health
 - 3 in Labrador-Grenfell Health
- Total number cases: 1,127
- Active cases: 63*
- Recovered cases: 1,054
- Total number deaths: 6
- Total number in hospital: 0
- Total vaccine doses administered in NL: 191,130 (as of May 3, 2021).
 - # health-care worker vaccine doses in the Eastern region: 17,362 (Includes LTC workers in private sector. As of May 6, 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.)

*“We have reached a significant milestone. As of this week, **Eastern Health has reached 100,000 doses**. On behalf of the executive team, I thank everyone who has worked on the vaccination plan for Eastern Health. This accomplishment is yet another example of the dedication and compassion our staff have exhibited throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. I also thank our many community partners who have provided much-needed support to our staff as well as our clients. Your contributions have been invaluable. Together, we are reducing serious illness and death and protecting the most vulnerable in our society.”*

- David Diamond, President and CEO

COVID-19 Vaccines

- Additional COVID-19 vaccination clinics are now open to:
 - Individuals aged 60 and above;
 - first responders and frontline essential workers; and
 - pregnant women.
- The vaccines used in these clinics are mRNA (Pfizer BioNTech and/or Moderna).
- We will provide information on rescheduling of second dose appointments at a later date.
- More information on existing clinics at: 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, and include your name, date of birth, MPC, 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>.

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.

Kudos

- **Kudos** to staff who co-ordinated a [community donation for those on the ship anchored in Conception Bay](#).
- Members of EH's COVID testing rapid response team led the initiative to bring a sense of comfort to those onboard.
- We thank all community organizations and businesses involved.

Ontario's Request for Support

- A [second contingent of five Eastern Health providers](#) travelled to Ontario on May 4 to aid in the COVID-19 efforts in that province.
- They were joined by two colleagues from Western Health.
- Thank you to all volunteers who have expressed an interest to help out in Ontario.
- The level of support we provide to Ontario strikes a balance with our ability to sustain services in our 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.

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.
 - Daily **COVID-19 self-assessment**: 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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Report all potential communicable diseases to Occupational Health: 709-777-7777, line 3, line 2, or email occhealth@easternhealth.ca.

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