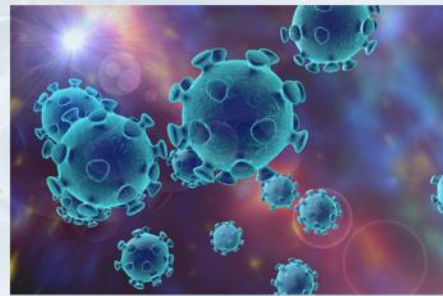


COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



Update from CEO and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) May 12, 2021

General update

- There were 10 new people diagnosed with COVID-19 in the province today:
 - 2 in the Western Health region (close contacts of previous cases)
 - 4 in the Eastern Health region (travel related)
 - 3 in the Central Health region (2 related to travel and 1 close contact of previous case)
 - 1 in the Labrador-Grenfell Health region (related to travel)
 - Please see pandemic hub for up to date information [here](#).
- Today, Western Health advised that residents in the Codroy/Port aux Basques area, from South Branch to Rose Blanche are encouraged to access COVID-19 testing whether or not they are symptomatic. This testing is a precautionary measure to determine whether there has been transmission within the community as part of a public health investigation related to people who have recently tested positive in the area..
- As a precautionary measure, the Chief Medical Officer of Health advised today that the Codroy/Port aux Basques area from South Branch to Rose Branche is moving to Alert Level 4 for a one week period while the public health investigation continues (read more about Alert Level 4 [here](#)). As a result, the following measures are being implemented:
 - Visitation at LeGrow Health Centre and personal care homes will be limited to one designated person for each patient and resident.
 - Laboratory and Medical Imaging at LeGrow Health Centre will provide urgent and emergent appointments only for the next week. The department will contact each patient to advise if appointment is proceeding or cancelled.
 - All other appointments/services offered by Western Health staff in this area (including at LeGrow Health Center) will proceed either in person or virtually. Individuals will be contacted to advise if there are any changes to their appointment. Vaccination clinics will continue in the area.
 - At this time, there are no restrictions in place to eliminate travel within the area or within the region for essential services like vaccination appointments or other in person medical appointments for people who reside in the Codroy/Port aux Basques area.

Operations Update

- COVID-19 vaccination eligibility has been expanded to include individuals over 40, and clinically extremely vulnerable aged 12 and older (see more [here](#)). We encourage you to book an appointment as you are eligible. Do your part when it's your turn.

Human Resources Update

- Out of an abundance of caution, new PPE measures are in place for staff in the South Branch to Rose Blanche area of the South West Coast of the region. Eye protection, in addition to a medical mask, is required to be worn when interacting with clients/patients/residents in all clinics, during home visits, in the Emergency Room, and on inpatient and long term care units, as well as in personal care homes
- Staff are reminded that when interacting with clients who do not wear a mask for any reason, eye protection must be worn when providing care or when within 6 feet of the client. This includes when a client must remove their mask for medical procedures to occur. See Client section of Guidance for Patients, Clients, Residents, Support Persons and Visitors who Cannot Mask for details [here](#).
- Feeling stressed and not sure where to turn? You are not alone! Visit Bridgethegapp.ca for services near you or call the Employee Assistance Program at 1-866-784-5306.
- Please feel free to call the Toll Free COVID-19 Navigation Staff Line (1-833-920-0096) or email COVID19@westernhealth.nl.ca with your questions or inquiries.

Please see our [COVID-19 Intranet page](#) for more information