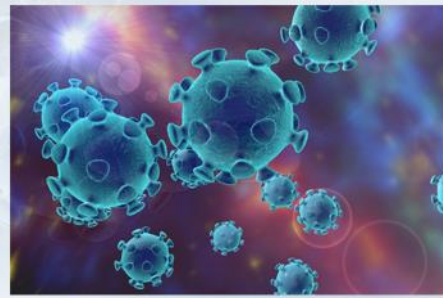


COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



Update from CEO and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) June 17, 2021

General update

- There was 1 new person diagnosed with COVID-19 in the province today, in the Central Health region. Please see pandemic hub for up to date information [here](#).
- On Friday, June 11, it was announced that the communities of St. George's, Stephenville Crossing, Stephenville, Port au Port East and all towns on the Port au Port Peninsula and towns and communities along Routes 403, 460, 461, 462, 463 and 490 were moving to Alert Level 2 at midnight.
- More than 200 COVID-19 tests were completed in the Piccadilly area last week and Public Health did not find there was widespread transmission in the community. All individuals who were identified as positive have been the contact of a case; however, the initial source remains under investigation.
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health announced yesterday that all appointments for second doses of COVID-19 vaccines scheduled after August 6, 2021, would be cancelled and individuals would need to reschedule their second appointment earlier. All second dose appointments can now be rescheduled at a minimum of 8 weeks after the first dose. While there are some appointments currently available for second doses, additional appointments will be available for booking starting on Monday, June 21, 2021. Read more [here](#).

Operations Update

- While all of the region is in Alert Level 2, enhanced PPE requirements are still in effect. All health care workers are required to wear a mask and eye protection for all client/patient/resident encounters. Evidence is being reviewed on a regular basis and when there is an update, further information will be shared.
- Thank you to everyone for continuing to complete PPE audits using the [electronic tool](#). In May, 784 audits were completed, and results indicate that employees are compliant with wearing PPE 95% of the time. We encourage everyone to continue to complete these audits.
- As we plan for the reopening the province to travel throughout the Atlantic provinces on June 23, we anticipate there will be changes to the current COVID-19 screening tools. We will communicate any changes as it becomes available.

Human Resources Update

- June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time for to recognize and celebrate our rich Indigenous history, peoples, and cultures. The Hope for Wellness Help Line offers immediate help to all Indigenous peoples across Canada. Support is at your fingertips. Call 1-855-242-3310 or connect to the online chat at www.hopeforwellness.ca.
- The Care4You Virtual Conference will be held on June 25, 2021. The virtual conference is offered by The United Way and is free to all helping professionals who give of themselves, care for, and protect others (read more [here](#))
- Call the Employee Assistance Program at 1-866-784-5306 to reach out for support.
- 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