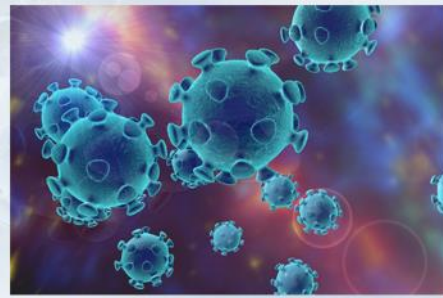


COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



Update from CEO and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) May 30, 2021

General update

- There were 7 new people diagnosed with COVID-19 in the province today:
 - 4 in the Western Health region
 - 2 in the Eastern Health region
 - 1 in the Central Health region
 - There are now 11 confirmed cases and 3 presumptive cases in the Western Health region that are related.
 - Please see pandemic hub for up to date information [here](#).
- As a precautionary measure, Public Health advised today that St. George's- Stephenville-Port au Port area will be moving to Alert Level 4 (see more information about Alert Level 4 and map of communities included [here](#)).

Operations Update

- COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic individuals in the Stephenville and Kippens area will start tomorrow. 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.
- Visitation at Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital, Bay St. George Long Term Care Centre, Emile Benoit House, and personal care homes will be limited to one designated person for each patient and resident.
- Laboratory and Medical Imaging at STRH 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 will proceed either in person or virtually unless the department contacts a patient to advise otherwise. Individuals will be contacted to advise if there are any changes to their appointment. Vaccination clinics will continue in the area.
- If a patient or client from the area impacted by Alert 4 has a procedure in another part of the region, their appointment/service will proceed unless they are contacted.
- 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 St. George's- Stephenville- Port au Port area.

Human Resources Update

- New PPE measures are now in place for all staff in the region. Eye protection, in addition to a medical mask, is required to be worn when interacting with clients/patients/residents while interacting with clients, patients and residents. These measures are in place out of an abundance of caution until further notice.
- Employee Health can be reached at 639-5009 is on call until 8:00 p.m. this evening. Messages left after 8:00 p.m. will be answered tomorrow morning.
- All health care workers are advised to continue using their [Point of Care Risk Assessment](#) to determine PPE for that particular encounter.
- 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