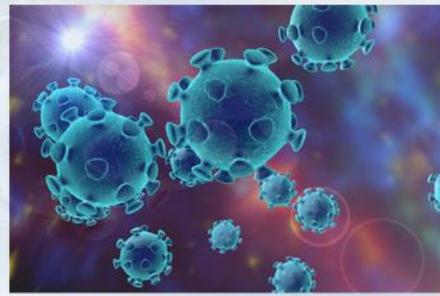


COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



Update from CEO and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) June 4, 2021

General update

- There were 2 new people diagnosed with COVID-19 in the province today, and both are in the Western region.
 - There are now 25 confirmed cases and 2 presumptive cases in the Western Health region associated with the cluster. The initial source of infection acquisition remains under investigation (see update [here](#)). The other individuals identified have been close contacts of someone who is positive
 - Please see pandemic hub for up to date information [here](#).
- Yesterday Western Health announced that a new temporary testing site in St. George's today would open in order to assess for community transmission in the area. There have been individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 in the St. George's area who are not linked to the current Stephenville area cluster. Read more [here](#).
- Today Western Health announced that appointments for COVID-19 vaccination doses could be scheduled earlier. There will be a phased in approach and any individual who has a second dose appointment scheduled after July 15 is eligible to reschedule their appointment to an earlier date. Read more [here](#). Western Health staff and physicians can continue to book an appointment for a second dose as long as there is an 8 week interval between the first and second dose ([here](#)).
- Newfoundland and Labrador released the reopening plan, **Together Again**, on Wednesday. See details on the planned approach to lifting public health measures [here](#). The first phase of the reopening plan is based on 75% of the eligible population having at least one dose of a COVID vaccine.

Operations Update

- All staff who conduct home visits must ensure the COVID-19 risk assessment screening is completed prior to the home visit and that they are wearing the appropriate PPE for the visit. While virtual options can be used, some services are required to be provided in clients' homes in all alert levels.

Human Resources Update

- Staff and Physicians who are required to isolate for any reason and cannot report to work must call Employee Health at 1-833-710-0408. After talking to Employee Health, notify your manager that you are in isolating and cannot report to work.
- Visit [Bridgethegapp.ca](https://www.bridgethegapp.ca) for services near you or 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