COVID-19 Update Employee and Physician Information



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

General update

- There was one new individual diagnosed with COVID-19 in the province today in the Eastern Health region. Please see pandemic hub for up to date information <u>here</u>.
- On June 25, Public Health concluded the investigation into the COVID-19 cluster in the Stephenville/Bay St. George's area. Public Health has not identified a source for the cluster. The risk to the public is considered low.
- EOC updates are issued on an as needed basis and we do not expect there will be weekly updates over the next while.

Operations Update

- Screening tools for patients/clients and visitors were updated on June 24. Updated screening tools can be found on the covid quick link on the intranet under <u>current</u> <u>screening tools</u>. Please ensure you have the most up to date versions of these tools in your areas.
- Effective July 5, 2021, admission surveillance testing for COVID-19 will be discontinued by Western Health.
- As well, Code Blue will be "protected" for all patients who screen positive on the screening tool, and when the status of the screening tool is unknown in keeping with the Provincial AGMP guideline. If a patient screens negative on the current screening tool, a regular code blue response can be applied. The updated code blue guidelines can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Human Resources Update

- Let's get moving at work for your mental and physical health. Guidelines for reducing sedentary behaviour at Western Health were recently released (see <u>here</u>). Check out the Move More at Work video (<u>here</u>) for ideas on how to incorporate movement into your work day.
- Before making plans for summer celebrations, check out these tips on how to protect your health if using **<u>alcohol</u>** or <u>**cannabis**</u>.
- If you are struggling, <u>Doorways</u> provides quick access to mental health and addictions counselling services Monday to Friday. Call the office near you – reach out, we're here to help.
- You can also reach 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