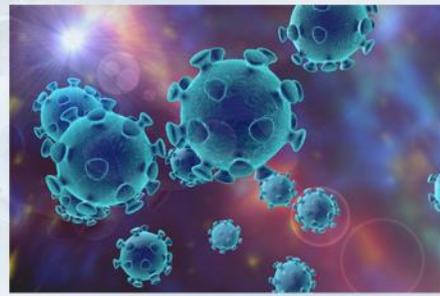


# COVID-19 Update

## Employee and Physician Information



### Update from CEO and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) October 7, 2021

#### General update

- In yesterday's provincial public advisory, there were 9 new individuals diagnosed with COVID-19, 7 in the Central Health region and 2 in the Eastern Health region (read more [here](#)).
  - The total number of active cases in the Western region is 2.
  - See pandemic hub [here](#).
- We are sending a sincere thank you to Rhonda Janes, RN, who will be travelling to Alberta tomorrow to assist in the COVID-19 response. We are very fortunate to have staff members who are willing to help, demonstrating courage and strength, and providing the best possible care to patients, clients, and residents.
- We are also wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you are able to enjoy time with your family, or other people you are thankful for some time throughout the weekend!

#### Operations Update

- As per NACI recommendations released on September 29, Western Health will be offering a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine to those living in LTC and seniors in other congregate settings.
- 78.1% of the eligible population of the Western Health region have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and 85.1% have had at least one dose (as of October 5).

#### Human Resources Update

- We thank all of you who have already been vaccinated against COVID-19. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced that COVID vaccination will be mandatory for health care workers unless they have an exemption. More details will be provided as they are available about mandatory vaccination.
- The influenza vaccine campaign for staff will start Oct. 18. There are two \$50 VISA gift cards draw prizes available for staff who receive their flu vaccine. If you receive your flu shot somewhere other than a Western Health facility, please call 1-833-710-0408 to ensure your name is entered in the prize draw.
- This week is Mental Illness Awareness Week. Reach out to a co-worker who may be struggling, ask how they're doing & offer support. Encourage them to take a screening at [CheckItOutNL.ca](https://www.checkitoutnl.ca) or visit [Bridgethegapp.ca](https://www.bridgethegapp.ca). Call the Employee Assistance Program at 1-866-784-5306 or visit [doorways](#) at your local MH&A Office.

- Thanksgiving weekend is coming soon! Choose to focus on the positive noticing the good things happening all around. Think about all the people or things that you appreciate & share your gratitude with others. What are some things that you are thankful for right now?
- Please feel free to call the Toll Free COVID-19 Navigation Staff Line (1-833-920-0096) or email [COVID19@westernhealth.nl.ca](mailto:COVID19@westernhealth.nl.ca) with your questions or inquiries.

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