



MEDICAL STAFF DIGEST

A twice-weekly update for medical staff

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Medical staff updates will be sent out Tuesday and Thursday. For the latest news and resources on COVID-19, visit the [Coronavirus page on OurNH](#) or on the [physician website](#). Printable PDFs of these updates are on the physician website.

Provincial case counts and statements

As of June 17, 2020, there were **65** confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Northern Health region. Although only one case is considered active, it is important that we remain vigilant in our communities.

For the latest provincial numbers, please refer to the [BC COVID-19 dashboard](#), which is updated each weekday afternoon. The dashboard may not work in all browsers; Chrome is suggested.

[Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – June 17, 2020

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in Long-Term Care Homes during COVID-19

Two new documents, [CPR for Residents in Long-term Care Homes \(LTCH\) during COVID-19](#) and the [CPR Response Model for Long-term Care Homes during COVID-19](#), have been developed to discuss guidelines for safely performing CPR in Long-Term Care Homes during COVID-19, the importance of planning during COVID-19, transparent processes and the importance of Advanced Care Planning.

Resources for families & support teams of children and youth with neurodevelopmental diagnoses during COVID-19

- [This resource](#) highlights a variety of supports available to assist Families and Support Teams (physicians, clinicians, teachers) in the care and support of children with Autism, FASD and other neurodevelopmental diagnoses
- Care teams can access these resources themselves or provide to families who are struggling to locate information and support

PPE use in Community Health Services and NH PPE Learning Hub course for all staff

- Northern Health has prepared guidance for [PPE use by Community Health Services staff](#)
- This document provides guidance for service with asymptomatic clients. When providing service to symptomatic or confirmed COVID clients, contact and droplet precautions are required. Screened positive clients are asked to wear a mask.
- During COVID-19 response, routine precautions include the addition of glasses, procedure mask and gloves, changed between clients. When in the client's home, procedure mask and eye protection must be worn, in addition to performing good hand hygiene and wearing gloves when appropriate.
- Any staff interested in PPE education are encouraged to take the 15 minute Learning Hub course: [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) for Routine, Contact, and Droplet Review – COVID-19](#)

Long-term care digest – Issue 2

- The long-term care task group will be developing updates bi-weekly for residents and families of long-term care homes and assisted living facilities
- This update will provide them with up-to-date information specific to long-term care homes and assisted living facilities
- This issue of the digest focuses on what families need to know when moving someone into a long-term care home or assisted living facility

[See issue 2 of the long-term care digest.](#)

Physicians in self-isolation

If you're a physician in self-isolation, email Susan Trenholm: Susan.Trenholm@northernhealth.ca

Resources for stress and emotional support

Support Lines

- **Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP)**
 - **1-844-751-2133** – 24/7 crisis counselling support and/or referral to community resources.
- **Physician Health Program** – supports available through Doctors of BC
 - Refer to information online at: [Doctors of BC: Physician Health Program](#)
- **BC Crisis Line**
 - Call **310-6789** for access to 24/7 crisis services.
- **VictimLink BC**
 - If you or someone you know is experiencing violence, immediate crisis support for victims of family or sexual violence is available through [VictimLink BC's](#) 24/7 telephone service in multiple languages at [1-800-563-0808](tel:1-800-563-0808), or by email at VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca, to be referred to the closest service agency.

Trusted links and resources

- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control “new today” page](#)
- [HealthLink BC COVID-19 page](#)
- [WHO FAQ](#)
- [Health Canada FAQ](#)
- [COVID-19 content in other languages](#)
- WorkSafe BC - [COVID-19 information and resources](#)
- [BC Physician Wellness in COVID-19](#) (BC COVID-19 Medical Student Response Team)
- Northern Health COVID-19 Online Clinic & Information Line: **1-844-645-7811**
- Northern Health Environmental Health Officer Line: **1-250-565-7322**
- For **non-medical information or to report concerns regarding non-compliance with public health orders**, call **1-888-COVID19 / 1-888-268-4319** 7 days, 7:30 am - 8 pm

For current information on restrictions on travel, gatherings and other issues, see the [Provincial Health Officer’s webpage on current health topics](#).

24/7 Physician Call Centre

- Number: 250-645-7897
- Local: 507897
- Toll Free: 1-833-645-7897

Rural Outreach Support group (ROSe) for COVID-19

24/7 additional information, support, or guidance

- Toll Free: 1-888-918-0626