



MEDICAL STAFF DIGEST

A twice-weekly update for medical staff

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Medical Staff Digests are sent out every Tuesday and Thursday.

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COVID-19

NH's COVID-19 resources

For more COVID-19 information, see these OurNH pages:

- [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)
- [Pandemic Recovery Toolkit](#)
- [Physician website](#)

COVID-19 case counts and statements

Confirmed NH cases since the beginning of the pandemic, according to the **September 28 provincial update**:

- **303** cases
 - **45** active
 - **8** new
- **2** deaths (**0** new)

As always, 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 Monday-Friday. The dashboard may not work in all browsers; Chrome is suggested. Surveillance reports for COVID-19, which includes breakdown of cases by Health Service Delivery Area, are [posted every Thursday on the BCCDC website](#).

- [Joint statement on Province of B.C.'s COVID-19 response](#) – September 28, 2020
- [BCCDC Surveillance report](#) – September 24, 2020

Trusted links and resources for COVID-19

- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [HealthLink BC COVID-19 page](#)
- [WHO FAQ](#)
- [Health Canada FAQ](#)
- [COVID-19 content in other languages](#)
- WorkSafe BC - [COVID-19 information and resources](#)
- Northern Health COVID-19 Online Clinic & Information Line: **1-844-645-7811**
- Northern Health Environmental Health Officer Line: **1-250-565-7322**
- **Non-medical info:** 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 COVID-19 webpage](#).

Overdose prevention and response

Announcing the First Nations Virtual Substance Use & Psychiatry Service

FNHA has launched a First Nations Virtual Substance Use and Psychiatry Service. This service is now available to First Nations people and their families living in BC with referral from a health and wellness provider.

The purpose of the new service is:

1. To provide direct virtual access to addictions specialists and psychiatric care for First Nations people and their family members living in BC.
2. To provide addictions medicine and psychiatry services where every client encounter is aligned with the principles and practices of cultural safety and humility.
3. To provide addictions medicine and psychiatry services where collaborative care planning and wraparound care services are integral to all client encounters.

FNHA also offers a Virtual Doctor of the Day program which provides virtual access to primary care (family practice physicians) for First Nations people and their families living in BC.

For more information:

- [Virtual Substance Use & Psychiatry Service webpage](#)
- [Virtual Substance Use & Psychiatry Referral Guide for Providers](#)
- [Virtual Doctor of the Day Webpage](#)
- [Virtual Doctor of the Day Poster](#)

Other organizational news

News from Across NH

Influenza Prevention Program 2020/21 - peer immunizers needed!

Peer Immunizers are RNs, RPNs, LPNs or pharmacists who have volunteered to provide influenza immunization to peers and unit/site employees while working their regular scheduled shifts. This gives employees timely access to influenza immunization.

If you are interested in this role, please email: influenza@northernhealth.ca

Where can I find my data now that the Synapse data transfer has happened?

Post Synapse Information Transfer to CMOIS

Synapse clinical information is now located in CMOIS. Please review the [directions](#) on how to locate this information, which is posted on Confluence and accessible to physicians when they are on a Northern Health network.

Previously, teams would copy psych consults from EMON into Synapse and CMOIS. **Teams no longer need to copy the consults into Synapse.**

Clinicians will need to review the following areas of the client charts to ensure that the information is accurate and up to date:

- Contact information
- Next of kin/emergency contacts
- Services (start dates)
- Connections
- Orders
- Notifications/alerts
- Preferences

If you require access to CMOIS, please contact the NH ITS service desk at servicedesk@northernhealth.ca. If you are a physician and require access to CMOIS, please have your clinic manager request this access for you.

For question, or more information, Contact Brad Van Dolah, Clinical Informatics Specialist, at Bradley.vandolah@northernhealth.ca.

NH platform for breast image reporting goes live on Oct 5 – training videos available!

The new Breast Imaging Electronic Reporting System (BIERS) is coming to Northern Health! This improvement is a collaboration between BC Cancer Agency, PHSA, and Northern Health. The new platform will eliminate the disadvantages of the paper process, making reporting more reliable and efficient.

If you'd like more information before the Oct 5 go-live, please review the instructional videos for radiologists, clerks, and technologists on the [BIERS YouTube playlist](#). They're grouped by subject, so you can easily find the ones you need.

Questions or comments?

- Email CIS.MI@northernhealth.ca
- Visit the [Medical Imaging page](#) on OurNH

Staff wellness and more

Resources for staff wellness are available in the right hand sidebar under the heading "Resources for stress and emotional support" on both the [COVID-19 page](#) and the [Pandemic Recovery Toolkit page](#) of Northern Health's staff intranet, OurNH.

For more information on [staff deals](#), the [NH Community Corner](#), and [RAARs](#), visit [OurNH](#).