

CORPORATE UPDATE
Bulletin #13a: COVID-19 Updates
March 27, 2020

Reminder to all staff about social distancing and movement throughout facilities

Horizon appreciates that there are circumstances where employees are required to move throughout their facility over the course of their shift; whether it be for direct work-related purposes or to obtain food from our cafeterias and coffee shops.

Similar to what is being discouraged throughout our country in terms of reducing non-essential shopping and social interactions, we ask that you avoid where possible unnecessary movement, travel, and contact with others within your facility.

Social distancing (physical distancing) is believed to be an effective method to “flatten the curve” and we can support these efforts by being mindful of how often we leave our departments, units, and offices.

All employees are reminded of previous communication related to staff screening and our request to limit the number of times employees leave our facilities over the course of their workday.

COVID-19 Visitor Screening

Recently, there have been occasions of people accompanying patients to outpatient clinic appointments at our facilities when the patient does not require assistance. This is a reminder that any person accompanying a patient will **NOT** be allowed to attend the appointment unless the patient requires assistance.

If the patient requires assistance, only **ONE** healthy person (who will also be screened at the facility entry) who has not travelled outside New Brunswick in the last 14 days can attend.

Visitor screeners should ask any person accompanying the patient to remain in their car and have their cellphone available should the physician or patient need to contact them during or after the appointment.

Upper River Valley Hospital: Tim Hortons Truck Onsite

The Tim Hortons coffee truck will be making a stop at Horizon's Upper River Valley Hospital on Saturday March 28 between 11 and 11:30 a.m.

They are donating take 12 coffee boxes for every department. They are also donating Timbits which will be individually bagged. The drivers will arrive at the main entrance and will undergo the required screening process. Once screened, the donations will be brought into the main entrance area.

The screener will contact one person from each department and that person will take all the items to their individual department. These items are not to be stored in an area where large groups of people could congregate. It is unit specific. One department will be contacted at a time.

As per the recommended guidelines from Infection Prevention and Control, each person will be required to hand sanitize before they dispense their coffee.

Please see below for department specific information:

ED – Two boxes

CCU and Respiratory Therapy – One box

2E – Two boxes

2N – Two boxes

Labour and Delivery/Pharmacy – One box

Switchboard, Laboratory, Diagnostic Imaging, Security – One box (to be kept in a conference room)

Dialysis – One box

EVS, Food Services and anyone else working on Level 0 tomorrow – Four boxes to be stored in several different locations on Level 0

Access Point Screeners – One box (to be kept in a conference room)

