

**TO:** ANB and EMP employees

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**RE:** HR Bulletin #12 – Testing for Health Care Workers

As some of you may be aware, the Department of Health announced that the province has expanded its testing protocols to protect health care workers and to help slow the pace of transmission.

As of March 20<sup>th</sup>, health care workers and staff that are symptomatic and provide direct patient contact should be tested for COVID-19 regardless of travel history, and should stay off work and self-isolate until test results are negative.

Health care workers and staff that provide direct patient care include the following: RHA institutions; Ambulance New Brunswick, Extra Mural Program, other home health care providers, physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists/technicians, long-term care providers and health care providers in First Nations communities.

Employees that provide direct patient care may call 1-833-475-0724 if they have developed the following symptoms:

- fever with a temperature of 38°C or higher;
- a new onset/exacerbation of chronic cough.

Our Employee Health and Wellness Consultant may also direct you to contact the toll-free line.

Please note that this toll-free line is not intended for employees who have questions regarding pay, entitlements, or other concerns.

If you are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, stay home, self-isolate, contact the toll-free number and they will provide further instruction. Additionally, it is also important to follow procedures for absence notification.