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We appreciate the confusion caused by the recent memos from GNB related to the ability of health care workers to travel.

As our borders open up, it is still imperative that we all remain vigilant in protecting our health-care system, ensuring our hospital and human resource capacity is maintained.

It has been decided that Horizon will continue to apply Phase Yellow rules throughout the organization. Furthermore, in conjunction with internal and external stakeholders, it has been decided that new travel rules will be implemented. As such, please make note of the following travel guidelines:

Employees and physicians may travel from New Brunswick to enhanced Atlantic Bubble: PEI, N.S., Nfld, and the counties of Avignon (Quebec) and Temiscouata (Quebec) without the need for isolation upon return.

- Employees and physicians who travel outside of enhanced Atlantic Bubble to another Canadian location **when fully immunized** (1 week after 2nd dose) must notify their manager/clinical chief and local Medical Staff Office of the anticipated travel for approval in advance of their departure. Upon return, these employees and physicians will be required to self-monitor for symptoms and be swabbed at days 1, 5, and 10.
- Employees and physicians who travel outside of enhanced Atlantic Bubble to another Canadian location **when not fully immunized** (or those who refuse to provide proof of vaccination) will be required to remain off work for 10 days upon return. Vacation time and other banked time may be used for the entire duration that the employee or physician remains off work if

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approval was obtained from the manager / clinical chief in advance of travel.

- International travel will be reviewed on a case by case basis and include history of immunization and Covid activity level in country of travel. Directives from the Government of Canada will have to be respected.

Horizon's Visitor Guidelines – Yellow Alert Level Measures

Today, we shared the following messages on Horizon's social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)), reminding the public that although New Brunswick is on the Path to Green, Yellow Level safety measures are still in place at Horizon facilities to protect our patients and staff.

- Visitor guidelines remain in place at Horizon facilities across the province and all patients and visitors will be screened prior to entering. More information about visitor guidelines is on our website: <https://bit.ly/38krVVJ>
- Anyone entering a Horizon facility must continue to follow Infection Prevention and Control guidelines: wear a non-medical grade face mask, clean your hands, maintain your distance and stay home if you feel unwell.
- Visitors who have travelled outside of the "Atlantic Bubble," which includes the counties of Avignon and Témiscouata (Quebec), and Listuguj First Nation in the last 14 days will



require an exemption prior to being permitted to visit patients within a Horizon facility.

Screening criteria for staff and physicians

The screening questions for employees and physicians have been updated, today, June 18. Please review [here](#). All posters are available on the [Coronavirus Skyline page](#).