

COVID-19 Update #48, October 13, 2020

Day 246. There are **0 cases** of COVID-19 at York Care Centre. As of this update, 54 employees and 12 residents have been tested and all confirmed negative.

As you know, Public Health has declared an outbreak in several areas of Moncton (Zone 1) and Campbellton (Zone 5). Both areas have reverted to orange level, requiring several restrictions, which are outlined on the Government of New Brunswick's website.

We are monitoring this situation closely, and our thoughts and prayers are with everyone of the areas and impacted by this terrible news.

This recent and rapid spike serves as a stark reminder that COVID is still in our communities. We have worked hard together to keep the virus out of York Care Centre. And, now more than ever, we need to follow the precautionary measures in place and the advice of our public health experts.

As has been the case since the start of the pandemic we have made decisions that are intended to protect residents, while also supporting the need for greater family and caregiver access. Our goal is to continue this level of access, for as long as we can safely do so.

Although we have not received new direction from public health to suggest doing anything different, we will continue to have enhanced screening measures in place, for at least a two-week period:

Enhanced Screening

For the next few weeks, all screening measures will be conducted by a York Care Centre employee and will include the following questions:

1. Have you recently traveled outside the Atlantic Bubble?
2. Have you recently visited Moncton or Campbellton?
3. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, was anyone in your household from Moncton or Campbellton?
4. Have you recently visited any other long-term care facilities?

If a designated caregiver or visitor, answers 'yes' to questions 1, 2 or 3, we will be asking that they not enter the facility or bring their loved one home, for a two-week period. Question 4 is a contact tracing measure only.

If a resident has had contact with someone who has answered 'yes' to questions 1, 2, or 3, then temporary isolation precautions will be required until consultation with Public Health.

Caregiver and Visitor Access

With the above screening measures in place we can continue with our visiting practices; however, for caregivers, small adjustments may be required to evening schedules – someone will connect directly with the caregiver, if changes are required.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience, if you have questions or wish to schedule a visit, please reach out to us at communications@yorkcarecentre.ca.