



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Eastern Health Opens Two Rural Appointment-Based Drive-Through COVID-19 Clinics

April 27, 2020 – St. John's, NL: Eastern Health advises that it has now opened drive-through COVID-19 testing clinics, which will be by appointment only, in Clarenville and Harbour Grace.

The appointments only drive-through COVID-19 clinics are for patients who have been screened by the NL Health Line 811, and referred to the clinic by 811 for required testing. Individuals who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or who have come in contact with someone who has fever, cough or difficulty breathing, should complete the online self-assessment at www.811healthline.ca before calling 811. Based on advice from 811, individuals may then be scheduled for an appointment with the COVID-19 clinics for testing. If you are not seriously ill, **do not** go to an emergency department or doctors' office.

The clinics will operate as a drive-through model. Individuals will remain in their vehicles while nurses collect samples. The Clarenville clinic will operate by appointment only from Clarenville High School, 50 Gladney Street on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the Harbour Grace clinic will operate by appointment only from the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre, 1 CeeBee Way on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

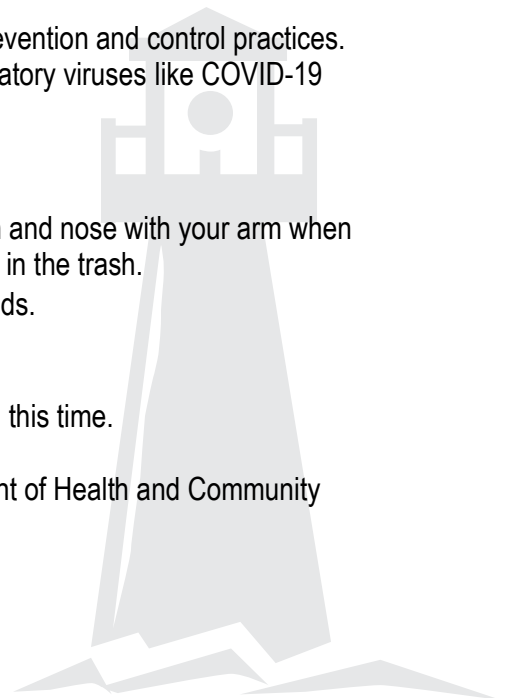
For anyone who is unable to attend the drive-through clinic, other arrangements will be made for testing. These drive-through clinics are in addition to others opened in the Eastern Health region in Burin at the College of the North Atlantic and St. John's at St. Teresa's Elementary School. Depending on demand, additional clinics throughout the region may be put in place.

Eastern Health reminds the public of the importance of good infection prevention and control practices. Everyday preventive actions that can help to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses like COVID-19 include:

- Washing your hands often.
- Avoiding contact with people who are sick.
- Practicing proper cough and sneeze etiquette. Cover your mouth and nose with your arm when coughing and sneezing and immediately dispose of used tissues in the trash.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Taking reasonable steps to practise social distancing.

Eastern Health would like to thank the public for their co-operation during this time.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the Provincial Department of Health and Community Services website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/>.



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