

March 30, 2020

PUBLIC ADVISORY

COVID-19 in St. Anthony

The health and safety of residents in the Labrador-Grenfell Health region continues to be our priority throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 27, a patient at the Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital tested positive for COVID-19. A small number of staff have been identified as having close contact with the patient. They have been tested for COVID-19 and began quarantine as a precaution to protect themselves, other staff and their community. These staff continue to be monitored.

As part of Labrador-Grenfell Health's emergency preparedness, we have been working with the Department of Health and Community Services and the other regional health authorities to plan for the safe delivery of care during the pandemic.

"Labrador-Grenfell Health has established emergency pandemic plans for all facilities, and we want to reassure you we have the capacity to respond," stated CEO Heather Brown. "Our team is working together to ensure that patient care is not compromised during this time. We will continue to monitor care requirements while supporting staff."

As a crucial part of Public Health investigations, contact tracing helps to identify those at risk of infection and understand how an infectious disease is spread in order to control further transmission. The process involves interviewing a person identified as possibly having a communicable disease to learn about their activities and who they have had contact with during the time they were infectious. Those close to the individual may also be interviewed. When contacts are identified, Public Health connects with them to provide information, screening, counselling, testing and treatment as well as direction to self-isolate if necessary. Only those identified as close contacts are contacted by Public Health. On March 28, we opened an assessment and testing centre in St. Anthony. This centre provides appointments to those referred for this service by the 811 Health Line or through the contact tracing process.

To help reduce the spread of illness, please:

- Stay at home unless it is essential.
- Wash your hands often.
- Stay at home if you are sick.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching nose, eyes and mouth.
- Maintain a distance of six feet between people (social distancing).

To learn more about the 811 Health Line assessment process, please see the attached chart.

Labrador-Grenfell Health is thanking the public for their patience and cooperation during this time.



**COVID-19
Online Self Assessment**
www.811healthline.ca



**Call 811 Health Line
if indicated**



**811 Health Line provides
assessment and will refer
to LGH Public Health if you
require testing**



**COVID-19 assessment
appointment booked in
your closest Public Health/
health facility**



**COVID-19 assessment
and testing completed**



**Client notified of results
by LGH Public Health**