



Labrador - Grenfell Health

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PUBLIC ADVISORY

Updated processes for essential health care workers from outside the Atlantic Bubble

Labrador-Grenfell Health wishes to reassure the public that our team continues to work diligently to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of patients, staff and communities.

Following the confirmed case of COVID-19 on September 30, we heard the public's concern around essential health care workers coming into the province from outside the Atlantic Bubble.

We would like to advise the public that Labrador-Grenfell Health continuously assesses staffing needs to ensure there is no disruption in services or care delivery and balances this with each decision to grant an exemption for an essential health care worker from outside the Atlantic Bubble. Labrador-Grenfell Health continues to follow the process outlined by the Department of Health and Community Services and Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Over 75 per cent of locums brought into Labrador-Grenfell Health during the pandemic have been from within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Atlantic Bubble.

Since September 30, we have been working diligently to strengthen our processes when bringing in Essential Health Care Workers from outside the Atlantic bubble including:

- clear communication around self-isolation requirements and ensuring workers understand their responsibilities.
- ensuring Essential Health Care workers maintain self-isolation requirements by providing support such as transportation on arrival, access to food and personal items, etc.

For more information on current COVID-19 restrictions at Labrador-Grenfell Health facilities are available at www.lghealth.ca/covid-19. For up-to-date information around the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19.