

March 1, 2021

## **PUBLIC ADVISORY**

## **COVID-19 in St. Anthony area**

On March 1, a healthcare worker at the Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital tested positive for COVID-19. All contacts have been identified, quarantined and are being tested. No close contacts among patients served by Labrador-Grenfell Health have been identified at this stage. Labrador-Grenfell Health continues to work with staff to ensure the delivery of safe patient care during these difficult times. Labrador-Grenfell Health continues to monitor staff resources to ensure service delivery which may result in changes to how care is delivered within the hospital.

Outpatient laboratory collection will be suspended March 2, 2021, with capacity re-evaluated daily.

Out of an abundance of caution, Labrador-Grenfell Health is initiating a drive-thru testing site for St. Anthony and surrounding areas for all those who are concerned about contact and would like to be tested. An appointment will not be required for individuals at this site on Tuesday, March 2.

- St. Anthony and surrounding area\*
- Beginning Tuesday, March 2, 2021
- Apt 209, 178-200 West St. (back of old hospital)
  9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Should you wish to be tested in another community, or after this date, please visit the provincial assessment website: <a href="https://covidassessment.nlchi.nl.ca/">https://covidassessment.nlchi.nl.ca/</a>.

We would like to thank the public for their outstanding support and the continued adherence to Public Health directives. We understand this is a difficult time and want to reassure you that the health and safety of residents in the Labrador-Grenfell Health region continues to be our priority throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Everyone has a responsibility to monitor for symptoms and prevent the spread of COVID. The public is reminded that we are currently in Alert Level 4 and the best defense against COVID-19 is through **physical distancing, hand hygiene, and wearing a mask**.

More information about COVID-19 can be found on the province of Newfoundland and Labrador's website and on the Labrador-Grenfell Health website.

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