



Alert level 3

- Marystown and surrounding communities are now in **Alert Level 3**: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/alert-levels/alert-level-3/>.
- **Sacred Heart Academy** will be initiating virtual learning on Monday, October 25. All other schools on the Burin Peninsula have implemented enhanced public health measures as advised by Public Health.
- **Non-essential travel** from the Burin peninsula area to other areas of the province is not recommended at this time. Travel in and out of areas identified in alert level 3 should also be limited within the Burin peninsula unless deemed essential.
- **Stay at home as much as possible.** Those at higher risk of complications due to COVID-19 should not go out, except to get essentials like groceries and medications.

Public health update

- The investigation of a cluster of COVID-19 cases related to the Marystown and surrounding area is ongoing. The source of the cluster is under investigation. New cases are being identified daily and contact tracing is underway.
- To date, there have been **39 confirmed cases of COVID-19** connected to the cluster. The majority of cases identified in the cluster are under 20 years of age.
- Ongoing contact tracing has identified a school outbreak as part of the investigation. Other community activities and organizations involving children have also been impacted, including after-school programs, child care, and sports such as hockey, skating, and swimming.
- Identified cases are in isolation. Anyone who is a close contact will be contacted by public health and given instructions specific to their vaccination status.

COVID-19 testing clinics update

- COVID-19 testing is **by appointment only**. To book an appointment, individuals can complete the COVID-19 self-assessment and testing referral tool online at <https://covidassessment.nlchi.nl.ca/>.
- Additional COVID-19 testing is in place for the area with extended hours. Including today, we will have tested **974 individuals** and over **400** appointments are booked for tomorrow.
- A temporary **by appointment only** drive-through clinic will be held at the Marystown Community Service Building, 10-12 Harris Drive Industrial Park on Sunday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Full details at: <https://news.easternhealth.ca/2021/10/22/eastern-health-opens-additional-drive-through-covid-19-testing-on-the-burin-peninsula/>.
- Test results are usually available within 24-72 hours. Individuals are directed to follow public health guidelines for self-isolation and retesting.
- Individuals can **call 811** if unable to complete the online assessment to book a COVID-19 testing appointment.

Local health operations update

- Hospital and health care centres remain open. Temporary **visitor restrictions** for hospital patients and long-term care and personal care home residents at all facilities and sites on the Burin Peninsula are now **in effect**. Full details are available at: please see: <https://news.easternhealth.ca/2021/10/22/eastern-health-implements-visitor-restrictions-on-the-burin-peninsula/>.
- Individuals who are not seriously ill are reminded to avoid hospital **emergency departments**. In case of an emergency, individuals should go to the nearest emergency department or call 911 for an ambulance.
- Those who are experiencing any one or more symptoms of COVID-19, should complete the COVID-19 self-assessment and testing referral tool online at <https://covidassessment.nlchi.nl.ca/>.
- If there is a change in a person's health status, individuals should contact their regular health provider or call the NL Health Line at 811 / TTY 1-888-709-3555, to speak to a registered nurse 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

COVID-19 vaccine clinics update

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Anyone who is eligible to get COVID-19 vaccine is encouraged to do so. COVID-19 vaccine clinics are scheduled for:
 - Marystown (Wamic Holdings Ltd., McGettigan Drive) on Oct. 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **by appointment only**, and from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. **walk-ins welcome**.
 - Marystown (Wamic Holdings Ltd., McGettigan Drive) on Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins will be accepted as capacity allows.
 - Grand Bank (50+ Club, 17 Riverside Drive West) on Nov. 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins will be accepted as capacity allows.
- Clinics will be offering first and second doses of vaccine to individuals 12 years and older.
- Due to increased demand, appointments are strongly recommended. Individuals may book appointments throughout the Eastern Health region by visiting www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/vaccine/gettheshot/.
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccine clinics, visit: <https://www.easternhealth.ca/covid19/vaccine/>.