



Alert level 3

- Starting October 23, 12:01 a.m., Marystown and surrounding communities will move to **Alert Level 3**. For full details on what this means, please visit: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/alert-levels/alert-level-3/>.
- To date, **25 active cases** are confirmed and connected to the cluster on the Burin peninsula. Identified cases are in isolation, and contact tracing is underway. Anyone who is a close contact will be contacted by public health and given instructions specific to their vaccination status.
- There is no identified source for this cluster at this moment.
- Childcare centres, sports and other extracurricular activities impacted by positive cases.
- **Sacred Heart Academy** will be initiating virtual learning on Monday, October 25, 2021. All other schools on the Burin Peninsula have implemented enhanced public health measures as advised by Public Health.
- **Travel is not recommended** from Burin peninsula to other areas of the province at this time.
- **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.
- Individuals who are not seriously ill are reminded to avoid hospital **emergency departments**. In case of an emergency, individuals should proceed go to the nearest emergency department or call 911 for an ambulance.

Additional drive-through COVID-19 testing

- 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.
- Test results are usually available within 24-72 hours and individuals are directed to follow Public Health guidelines for self-isolation and retesting.
- Full details are available at: <https://news.easternhealth.ca/2021/10/22/eastern-health-opens-additional-drive-through-covid-19-testing-on-the-burin-peninsula/>.

Booking COVID-19 testing appointments

- 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/>.
- Individuals can call 811 if unable to complete the online assessment.
- Those who are experiencing any one or more symptoms of COVID-19, should also complete the COVID-19 self-assessment and testing referral tool online at <https://covidassessment.nlchi.nl.ca/>.

COVID-19 vaccine

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. We encourage anyone who is eligible to get COVID-19 vaccine.
- COVID-19 vaccine clinics and other information is available online at: <https://www.easternhealth.ca/covid19/vaccine/>.

Visitor restrictions

- 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**.
- **Two designated visitors and a support person** (if required) are permitted for inpatients in a hospital setting and residents of long-term care homes.
- Visitation hours are determined by facility and visitors/support persons are advised to contact the patient's/resident's health-care team for further information.
- The provided **mask must be worn** throughout the duration of the visitor's time in our hospitals and other health-care facilities, including while visiting patient/resident rooms.
- Wearing masks is one of the key strategies in preventing the spread of infection, and is especially critical within health-care settings to protect patients, clients and residents as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

For more information, please see: <https://news.easternhealth.ca/2021/10/22/eastern-health-implements-visitor-restrictions-on-the-burin-peninsula/>.