

To: Vitalité Executive Directors for sharing with affected staff (OR, EVS, Hospital Supervisors /Administrative Officers)

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Re: **New Infection Prevention & Control Procedure for Organ Retrieval and Tissue Recovery Teams coming to a Horizon facility from a higher COVID-19 risk area.**

Please note that new Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Standard Operating Practices (SOPs) were developed to outline the process to follow to ensure safe Organ and Tissue Donation in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These SOPs were reviewed by Horizon Infectious Disease and Infection Prevention Control (ID/IPC) COVID-19 Committee and approved by Horizon Emergency Operation Centre (HEOC) and are posted under Clinical Resources on Horizon's [Coronavirus Skyline Page](#).

They outline the process to follow for out-of-province Transplant Programs' organ retrieval teams as well as the NB Organ and Tissue Program's tissue recovery team (located in Moncton) who come to a Horizon facility from a COVID-19 higher risk area.

Please note that the NB Organ and Tissue Program (NBOTP) will follow the same procedure when these same teams travel to a Vitalité facility from a COVID-19 higher risk area.

When applicable, our Organ Donation Resources Nurses or tissue recovery team members will be in touch with the Hospital Supervisor/Administrative Officer and/or Operating Room personnel to ensure arrangements can be made in order to follow the procedure outlined in the applicable SOP.

Please share this information with your local teams for awareness and do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your collaboration.