

# HPC Covid-19 Newsletter

"We've Got This"

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**STAY ALERT**

## **COVID VARIANTS AT HPC**

The news about provincial COVID-19 cases has been filled with information about the more transmissible variants of the virus: called "variants of concern." These variants are notable for the fact they are much more easily passed between people, which is causing an upward rise in reported cases.

Unfortunately, we have confirmed that a few recent positive cases of COVID-19 at our site have come back as being one of these variants.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

To be clear, while these variants are not generally more severe in terms of symptoms than the initial strain of COVID-19, they *are more easily passed between people*. We must do everything we can to stop this spread.

### **WHAT ALL OF US MUST DO**

- Continue to follow **all** issued site directives and bulletins around mask wear, physical distancing, and hygiene.
- Be aware of your work surroundings and use the supplied cleaning products **OFTEN AND REGULARLY**
- ASK any questions you want to – rumours and partial information are not helpful – make sure you know the truth
- Keep informed of the latest provincial information

For the latest information please visit: [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca)

### **2 + 3 = An Approved Mask**

**3-ply masks must be worn on the bus. This is HPC policy.**

**You may wear a 2-ply mask once at site. This is HPC policy.**

**If you have any questions about masks, please ask your Supervisor.**

### **The Big Three:**

**With the new variants at site these three are more important than ever before: follow all site bulletins and all COVID guidelines.**

**YOU MUST PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

**YOU MUST WEAR YOUR MASK**

**YOU MUST NOT COME TO SITE IF YOU'RE FEELING UNWELL**

**Boarding Your Bus: Wait until the last rider is off**

There have been some recent instances of people trying to get ON their bus, while people are still getting OFF.

**Please: Do NOT board your bus until the last rider has exited.**

Crowding around the door, and trying to enter while riders are exiting is against site physical distancing policy. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

## HPC Site Information:

- Do NOT run in the parking lots at Yanda and Taurus.
- Do NOT board your bus until it is empty
- Ensure you load all buses BACK to FRONT, and wear your face mask. No exceptions.
- Ensure you are riding your assigned bus and get off at your assigned stop.
- You MUST practice physical distancing while waiting for your bus, or when going out for a cigarette.
- Maintain a minimum 2 meter distance between each other (unless there is a physical barrier like a wall, cubicle, or Plexiglas window.
- Physical Distancing is essential to keep both you and the HPC healthy – **do your part.**

Thank you, and continue to work safely!

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## Sharing workstations/desks at the HPC

If you work in a trailer or an area where you share a workstation/desk with another person (day shift and night shift, for example), your working area is still being cleaned twice a day.

However, it has been noted that a few workstations have people that will simply use them for a few hours if they are vacant, and leave without cleaning them.

PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS.

If you need a workstation, speak to your Supervisor and ensure that cleaning has taken place before you use the area, and that cleaning is scheduled for after you intend to leave, before the next person arrives.

It is critical that enough time is allowed for the areas to be cleaned between workers.

## A second-helping of distancing, please...

We're glad to see some teams doing some meal sharing at site, but buffet-style with many people where physical distancing is not possible, cannot happen.

Please ensure that people are getting their meals individually, and that all physical distancing policy is being followed.

## REPRESENTING YOUR COMPANY, AND YOURSELF, PROPERLY

For those who are driving a vehicle marked with their company logo (Inter Pipeline or any other of our contracting groups), please be reminded of the provincial guidelines around wearing a mask while driving and carpooling. These masking protocols must be followed at our site.

It is also an important visible signal that is sent to others when an IPL-marked vehicle goes by and all occupants are seen to be masked: we do not want to get the reputation that "rules are for other people." These rules are for everyone's protection, and sends the message that IPL takes the health and wellbeing of all site workers seriously.