

## **Nalcor Energy: Summary of COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols (Muskrat Falls Site)**

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The safety of our workers, their families, our communities, and the public is of utmost importance to Nalcor Energy and we are taking all responsible measures possible to protect the health and safety of our workers and the community. Working closely with medical experts and NL Public Health, we have stringent protocols in place and we've taken every safety precaution since March 2020 and will continue to do so.

The Muskrat Falls site is a unique situation as it is a camp where people are working together for longer periods of time, with workers coming from communities across our province.

Responding to the fast changing COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the concerns and feedback from our stakeholders, we are doing everything we can to minimize the potential of COVID-19 entering our work site and the communities where our workers live. We need to ensure the health and safety of workers at our work sites and also ensure we're keeping people safe when they leave work for home.

The recent COVID-19 outbreak on the Avalon Peninsula in early February means we have community spread in the province and the Avalon Peninsula remains in Alert Level 5. Nalcor has responded to this increased risk of COVID-19 spread by adding more safety measures that enhance testing and include a one-week isolation period to ensure validity of COVID-19 testing.

We continue to closely monitor the pandemic and Public Health guidance and will make changes to our COVID-19 protocols as required. Prior to the next rotation schedule, which is planned to start on March 20, we will assess the current Public Health Alert level status and guidance in making a determination if this new temporary extended rotation schedule is required going forward.

We have prepared the following summary of the various protocols we currently have in place at the Muskrat Falls site. This includes information on the new temporary extended rotation schedule implemented for NL workers at the Muskrat Falls site effective February 27, 2021.

*Note: The information on isolation, testing and work rotations is specific to LCP NL workers. Workers from outside NL complete self-isolation for 14 days in St. John's and are tested during isolation, before travelling to site.*

#### **1. New Temporary Extended Work Rotation (effective Feb. 27/01):**

- All LCP workers from NL, will complete one week of self isolation followed by three weeks working at the MF site, then two weeks at home.
- Workers are not permitted to enter the site except on their designated rotation day.
- Workers coming into the site and those leaving do not interact with each other.

#### **2. New COVID-19 Testing Schedule:**

- With the implementation of the new temporary extended work rotation schedule, Nalcor has implemented the following COVID-19 testing process for the MF site for NL workers.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> test is done upon checking in for isolation
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> test done not less than five days after starting isolation

- 3<sup>rd</sup> test is done within three days of arriving at the MF site
- 4<sup>th</sup> test is optional and done upon request before a worker leaves the site for home.

### **3. Temperature and Screening Checks:**

- Prior to travelling to site every worker must complete a COVID-19 screening questionnaire. This gathers information about the individual's recent activities and potential contact with others who could be impacted by COVID-19.
- Before travelling to site every worker must have their temperature checked. Anyone with a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or above will be denied access to the MF work site.
- While on site, every individual has their temperature checked every day.

### **4. Travel Protocols:**

- Workers in isolation will be transported to the airport and the MF site on LCP designated buses.
- Workers fly to Labrador on chartered flights that leave from designated hangars.
- While boarding, seated, and exiting from the charters and busses, individuals must wear a medical face mask.
- All individuals must follow all NL Public Health and federal travel protocols.
- Upon arrival at the HVGB airport, workers are immediately brought to the MF site. No one is allowed to stop anywhere enroute to the site.
- Physical distancing measures are in place for planes and busses and must be followed.

### **5. On-site Protocols:**

- The following are some additional COVID-19 safety protocols in place at the MF site:
  - All workers must have a daily temperature check.
  - Masks to be worn in all locations, except when in assigned camp room.
  - Enhanced cleaning and disinfection measures are in place in all locations.
  - 2m distance from others in all locations must be maintained (there are specific exemptions depending on the work task and in these cases other safety measures are in place).
  - Each worker has their own room and washroom/shower facilities.
  - The gym and other areas at camp are currently closed.
  - Physical distancing in place – food line up, reduced seating at tables while eating, plastic barriers in place for servers, etc.
  - Enhanced measures in the dining hall - no buffet stations, utensils are wrapped, etc.

### **6. On-site Isolation Protocols:**

- Isolation protocols are in place should someone at site develop COVID-19 like symptoms, and/or if an individual is contacted by Public Health as part of their contract tracing process.
- Individuals are immediately placed in isolation in a designated location at camp away from others. They are not allowed to have any contact with others until cleared to do so.
- Public Health is contacted and these individuals must remain in isolation until cleared by Public Health. Additional testing will be completed if that is the guidance provided by Public Health.