

## **Pembroke Regional Hospital**

# **MEMO**

**To: All Staff and Physicians**  
**From: Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety**  
**Date: 2023 December 04**  
**Subject: COVID-19 Outbreak Declared –Inpatient Rehabilitation**

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Today, the Pembroke Regional Hospital, in collaboration with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, declared a COVID-19 outbreak on the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit.

Staff and physicians are reminded about the importance of universal PPE adherence, handwashing, physical distancing and enhanced cleaning of shared equipment/ spaces.

While there are no additional restrictions on visitation to the affected unit at this time, visitors must be made aware that the unit is currently experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 and must be compliant with masking and other PPE as indicated by additional precaution signage.

As a result of the outbreak, all staff and physicians working on the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit must follow universal eye protection for all patient interactions and universal masking using a procedure/ surgical mask. N95 fit-tested and seal checked respirators are required for all interactions with patients who are suspect or confirmed COVID-19 and in accordance with posted additional precautions signage. As always, staff and physicians are reminded to complete a point of care risk assessment and select additional PPE as required.

All patients admitted to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit during the time of the outbreak must be placed on Droplet, Contact + N95 precautions and receive admission testing for COVID-19.

With universal masking a requirement, we believe there should be minimal risk to staff and physicians. As per Public Health guidelines, only interactions with the patient within 2 metres for a cumulative period of 15 minutes over 24 hours without appropriate PPE are considered high risk. If you feel that you have had an unprotected high risk contact, please contact the Occupational Health Team (ext 8200) to discuss your situation.

We will be providing additional updates on the situation as required.