

## PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

# MEMO

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**TO:** All Staff and Physicians

**FROM:** IPAC and Occupational Health

**DATE:** August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Outbreak Declared – Inpatient Surgical Unit AND 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical

Today, the Pembroke Regional Hospital, in collaboration with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, declared a COVID-19 outbreak on both the Surgical Unit and 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical.

Currently, there are 4 positive COVID-19 cases associated with the outbreak on surgical and 3 positive COVID-19 cases associated with the outbreak on 2<sup>nd</sup> medical all are among the patient population.

As a result of the outbreak, we have instated additional restrictions on visitation for the Surgical and 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical Units. Restrictions include:

- General visitors will not be permitted during the outbreaks
- One Essential Caregiver per patient per day may visit

Please refer to the COVID-19 Caregiver and Visitor Policy for additional information about visitation of patients who are COVID positive. All essential caregivers visiting the Outbreak Unit must be instructed on PPE requirements and use and monitored for compliance.

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

As a result of the outbreak, all staff and physicians working on either the surgical unit or 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical must follow universal masking with a fit tested and seal checked N95 respirator and eye protection at all times. While on the surgical unit, transient staff who do not have direct patient/ visitor interaction are not required to wear an N95 respirator for universal masking but must continue to wear a surgical/ procedure mask and eye protection at all times. As always, staff and physicians are reminded to complete a point of care risk assessment and select the PPE appropriate for the task and situation.

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