

Pembroke Regional Hospital

MEMO

To: All Staff and Physicians
From: IPAC and Occupational Health
Date: May 26, 2022
Subject: COVID-19 Outbreak Declared – 3rd Medical

Yesterday, the Pembroke Regional Hospital, in collaboration with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, declared a COVID-19 outbreak on 3rd Medical.

Currently, there are three positive COVID-19 cases associated with the outbreak among the patient population.

As a result of the outbreak, we have instated additional restrictions on visitation for the 3rd Medical Unit. Restrictions include:

- General visitors will not be permitted during the outbreak
- 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 be 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 3rd Medical must follow universal masking with a fit tested and seal checked N95 respirator and eye protection at all times. While on the 3rd Medical unit, transient staff who do not have direct patient 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.

As an additional note, the Infection Prevention and Control Team, in consultation with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, were able to declare the human metapneumovirus outbreak on the Rehabilitation Unit over as of May 25th, 2022.