

## PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

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**TO:** All Staff and Physicians

**FROM:** IPAC and Occupational Health

**DATE:** April 8, 2022

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Outbreak Declared – 3<sup>rd</sup> Medical

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

Currently, there are four positive hospital-acquired COVID-19 cases among patients.

As a result of the outbreak:

- All visitors and essential caregivers/care partners are restricted from 3rd Medical except under exceptional circumstances, such as end-of-life situations. In those instances approval would be on a case-by-case basis.
- Anyone coming onto the unit has to be fully vaccinated and wear all appropriate PPE.
- Occupational Health and IPAC have begun targeted testing
- N95 respirators and eye protection are now mandatory on the unit during the outbreak.
- Patients should wear a mask, if able, when a staff member or physician is in the room.
- All positive patients will be cohorted in one section of the unit.
- Staff will also be cohorted to positive patients to restrict movement.

We will continue to work with the Health Unit to develop and put in place additional containment measures as required.

Your diligence to infection, prevention, and control measures are vital to ensure containment. Please strictly adhere to wearing appropriate PPE, handwashing and physical distancing, as well as accurately completing your online screening prior to each shift.

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