

## PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

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**TO:** All Staff and Physicians

**FROM:** Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety

**DATE:** January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Outbreak 2A

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In consultation with the Renfrew County District Health Unit RCDHU, the PRH Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) team declared the COVID-19 outbreak on 2A medical floor over effective January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Ongoing staff surveillance via rapid antigen tests, as recommended by RCDHU, will be finished on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Rapid identification of positive and exposed patient and staff cases on the medical unit through point prevalence testing and contact tracing was critical to interrupt the transmission of COVID-19. However, the Omicron variant is highly transmissible and continues to spread very quickly within the community, increasing the likelihood that most people may eventually be exposed to it. As a result, it is not unlikely that PRH may experience additional outbreak situations. We ask all staff and physicians to remain diligent. Continue to monitor all patients for new / worsening signs and symptoms of COVID-19, utilize PPE as indicated and appropriately, self monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and do not report to work if you are feeling unwell.

Outbreak management during a global pandemic can be extremely challenging and we must learn to adapt and react according to the specific situation. The ultimate goal of outbreak management, however, remains consistent: identify the source of illness, control the outbreak and limit secondary transmission.

We appreciate the collaboration and teamwork of all staff and physicians during this challenging situation and will continue to work together as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic.