



MEDIA RELEASE

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COVID-19 outbreak declared at Brantford General Hospital Stroke Unit

Brantford, ON – An outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared on the C2 Stroke Unit at Brantford General Hospital.

The outbreak was declared Friday April 30, after one patient and one staff tested positive for COVID-19 with presumed acquisition on C2.

There are no new patient admissions to the C2 Stroke Unit and visitors are not permitted to the unit at this time, unless for compassionate reasons. A letter will be provided to all patients notifying them of the outbreak.

BCHS has all safety precautions in place to protect the health and wellness of patients, families, visitors, employees, physicians and volunteers. Safety precautions include:

- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting all hospital areas
- Screening everyone before entering BCHS
- Mandatory masks for all staff and visitors
- Using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Limiting patient visitors
- Contact tracing of impacted patients, staff and visitors (if applicable) with appropriate, ongoing follow-up.

The protection of patients, staff and physicians remains our top priority at BCHS, and we are doing everything possible to bring a safe and timely end to this outbreak.

BCHS encourages all members of the community to continue following public health protocols – staying at home as much as possible, wearing masks in public, keeping a safe 2-metre distance from others and cleaning hands regularly. By following these simple safety tips, we will be able to keep our communities safe.

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