

## PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

# MEMO

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**TO:** All Staff and Physicians

**FROM:** IPAC and Occupational Health

**DATE:** December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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

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

Currently, there are three positive COVID-19 cases associated with the outbreak among the patient population and there is a possibility that at least one positive staff case may be linked.

At this time, and as a result of the outbreak, all visitors and essential caregivers / care partners are restricted from 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical except under exceptional circumstances such as end-of-life situations. In those instances which would be approved on case-by-case basis, anyone coming onto the unit would have to be fully vaccinated and wear all appropriate PPE.

In addition, Occupational Health is working with the Health Unit to develop and put in place a plan for surveillance testing for all remaining staff and patients on that unit.

We recognize that this situation and the increased community transmission of the Omicron variant may impact your mental health and we encourage everyone to seek appropriate support as required. This includes accessing our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at 1-866-833-7690 or calling the Mental Health Crisis Line at 1-866-996-0991.

In the meantime, please ensure strict adherence to wearing 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.