

## PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL



**DATE:** March 18th, 2020

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update #6

## **Today's Take-Aways:**

- Anyone who has questions with respect to COVID-19 and whether they should be at work are asked to call extension 8200, not the Occupational Health department extensions.
- Education and training is continuing throughout the organization on a variety of aspects. Cross-training of nursing staff to allow them to work in other areas is also taking place.
- Active screening adjustments to process and scripting are continuing as required. Training sessions for new screeners are taking place as required.
  Nursing students will be hired to do screening where there are gaps and to free up clinical staff.
- Active 24/7 screening at the Staff Entrance (Bell Street) is now in place.
- A reminder that the entrances below will be the **ONLY** access points to PRH for patients, visitors and staff, and screening will be taking place at each entrance:
  - Tower A (emergency department) 24/7
  - Staff Entrance off Bell Street (hours to be confirmed but likely 24/7)
  - Tower C (main entrance) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Tower D (main entrance) 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Adjustments are being made in waiting rooms/areas and other common areas to encourage and facilitate social distancing.
- Staff are reminded that in this time of heightened sensitivity to COVID-19 related information, to please be aware of conversations taking place that could be overheard and to ensure patient confidentiality is respected.

- All non-essential supplier maintenance services and contractor work has been deferred.
- Spiritual Care visiting has been limited to compassionate and end-of-life cases only. In addition, weekly Mass has been cancelled.

## Need information or have suggestions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Infection Prevention and Control at extension7106 or Occupational Health and Safety at extension 7202 or your immediate supervisor.

If you have any suggestions on COVID-19 preparation please bring these forward at your huddles or to your supervisor.

Recognizing the stress and anxiety that a situation like this can bring about, we remind you that our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has experts available to help by calling 1-844-880-9142 or visiting their website at <a href="https://www.worklifehealth.com">www.worklifehealth.com</a>.