

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Staff, Physicians and Volunteers

FROM: Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

DATE: December 28, 2020

SUBJECT: New COVID-19 Confirmed Staff Case

Please be advised that another one of our health care staff has been determined to have a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19. This follows two earlier confirmed cases which have since been cleared.

Once again, we are in the process of completing a thorough investigation and are working closely with our Occupational Health and Safety Department as well as the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) to complete contact tracing. Anyone who has been deemed to be a close contact of the positive case has been given direction to self isolate immediately and testing has been done, or is in the process of being arranged.

Due to the circumstances surrounding this particular case, we are taking further action regarding the use of break rooms within the organization. Effective immediately, in small areas (break rooms) where PPE (mask and/or eye protection) is being removed; **ONLY ONE person can be in this space at one time.**

Staff members are encouraged to use The Lunch Box for break and meal times where seating has been safely distanced and, where possible, staff can use all meeting spaces within the organization, when vacant, for break purposes. These spaces are C142 (Boardroom), A517, B443, D227, C113 and D220. Environmental Services will provide extra cleaning of those spaces.

We cannot stress enough the importance of adhering to public health guidelines and our own safety measures that have been put in place to contain the spread of COVID-19.

These include the directions that were issued prior to the holidays about gatherings and onsite holiday meals and treats.

Please continue to follow all PPE guidelines with regard to masking and universal eye protection, frequent hand hygiene and maintaining proper distancing.

We recognize the desire for all of you to celebrate the holidays with co-workers, however, it must be done safely. Failure to follow the required protocols puts everyone's health at risk, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

It is imperative that all staff members follow the established protocols at all times.