

Pembroke Regional Hospital

MEMO

To: All Staff and Physicians
From: Infection Prevention and Control
Date: May 11th, 2022
Subject: Respiratory Outbreak- Inpatient Rehabilitation

Pembroke Regional Hospital, in collaboration with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, has declared a respiratory outbreak (Human Metapneumovirus) on the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit.

Currently, there are 3 confirmed cases of the respiratory virus amongst patients.

As a result of the outbreak:

- All visitors and essential caregivers are to be informed of the outbreak prior to visiting the inpatient rehab unit
- Visitors and essential caregivers must be asked to complete hand hygiene upon arrival to and when leaving the unit
- Visitors and essential caregivers must comply with PPE requirements (universal masking and additional precautions as indicated)
- All positive and exposed patients have been placed on additional precautions (Droplet + Contact) and will be cohorted in one section of the unit
- Staff will also be cohorted to positive and exposed patients to restrict movement
- Staff and physicians are asked to closely monitor patients for new onset symptoms and isolate and test patients accordingly
- Transient staff must remove, discard and don new universal PPE (ie. Mask and eye protection) when leaving the outbreak unit prior to going to a non-outbreak unit

We will continue to work with the Health Unit to develop and put in place additional containment measures as required.

Your diligence to infection, prevention, and control measures are vital to ensure containment. Please strictly adhere to wearing appropriate PPE, handwashing and physical distancing.

We will be providing additional updates on the situation as required.