

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

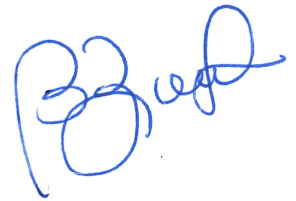
MEMO

TO: All Physicians and Staff

FROM: Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety

DATE: January 27th, 2022

SUBJECT: Outbreak- surgical



Effective January 26th, 2022, the inpatient surgical unit (3A) is declared to be in a COVID-19 outbreak.

Outbreak management strategies were implemented January 26th, including:

- All patients admitted to the surgical unit will be placed on Droplet Contact + N95 precautions for the duration of the outbreak
- Point prevalence testing for patients (Rapid Antigen testing and PCR) was completed and will be repeated between day 5-7
- Confirmed COVID + patients will be cohorted in one area of the unit
- Targeted point prevalence PCR testing will be completed for dedicated staff working on the inpatient surgical unit
- Dedicated staff working on the inpatient surgical unit January 26th until the outbreak is declared over will be required to complete daily Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) for the duration of the outbreak (**up to 8 hours** prior to the start of their shift). RAT test kits for staff and physicians working on the inpatient surgical unit can be collected from the Occupational Health Department between the hours of 0600-1800 (ext 8200) or Clinical Resource office after hours (ex 6820)
- Essential caregivers will be restricted from visiting the surgical unit. Essential caregivers will only be permitted to visit the surgical unit for exceptional purposes and will be managed on a case-by-case basis
- Staff and physicians providing direct patient care or working on the inpatient surgical unit will be required to wear an N95 for universal masking. Transient staff who do not have direct patient interaction are not included in this PPE requirement
- Enhanced cleaning will be implemented

- Staff and physicians working in multiple departments must remove their PPE (universal mask and eye protection) when leaving the outbreak unit and don new universal PPE before going to non-outbreak units

Staff and physicians who worked on the inpatient surgical unit between January 19th and January 26th who have not been contacted for PCR testing are encouraged to contact the Occupational Health Department (between the hours of 0600-1800) ext 6820.

Thank you for your patience as well as ongoing strict adherence to PPE, handwashing and physical distancing.

Thank you