

Trillium Health Partners declares outbreak of COVID-19 on unit at Credit Valley Hospital

As per standard practice at Trillium Health Partners (THP) and other hospitals, a unit level outbreak is declared when two or more patients test positive for a communicable disease. After 14 days with no new cases, the unit level outbreak is declared over in consultation with Peel Public Health.

A unit level outbreak was declared on March 30 after four patients on an inpatient unit (1D) at the Credit Valley Hospital identified as positive for COVID-19. They have been safely relocated to a unit exclusively caring for patients with COVID-19.

Working closely with Peel Public Health and THP's Infection Prevention and Control team, in immediate response to this specific outbreak, the hospital has taken a number of steps. These include:

- Affected unit has been closed to other patient admissions and existing patients are being actively assessed
- Affected unit has been placed on Droplet/Contact Precautions and staff are wearing appropriate personal protective equipment
- Staff have been advised to monitor and report symptoms and escalate precautions immediately
- Enhanced equipment and environmental cleaning
- Increased hand hygiene audits

As part of our Pandemic Response Action Plan, some of the precautionary measures we have taken to ensure patient and staff safety over the last two months are:

- Enhanced screening for all individuals entering our hospital, staff included
- Temporary no-visitor policy as of March 20, 2020
- Postponed elective and non-emergency surgeries
- Opened COVID-19 Assessment Centres
- Adopted Public Health Ontario guidelines for Droplet Contact Precautions for potential COVID-19 patients

Our top priority is the safety of patients, our health care workers and the community. As we continue to see community spread of COVID-19, THP remains vigilant and is actively continuing to prepare and respond to additional cases and outbreaks.