

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Healthcare worker tests positive for COVID-19

Niagara Health today declared an outbreak of COVID-19 on an inpatient unit at the St. Catharines Site after one of our healthcare workers tested positive for the virus.

Our Infection Prevention and Control team has taken immediate action to protect our staff, physicians and patients.

“The health, safety and well-being of everyone is our top priority,” says Derek McNally, Niagara Health’s Executive Vice President, Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Executive. “Our Infection Prevention and Control experts, working closely with Niagara Region Public Health and the NH Occupational Health and Safety team, will monitor the situation closely and will adjust measures as needed to respond to this outbreak.”

Enhanced safety measures now in place include temporarily closing the unit in question to all admissions and transfers, and following up with patients, staff and physicians who may have had direct contact with the healthcare worker as a precaution.

NH Occupational Health and Safety provides members of the hospital team with support on an ongoing basis.

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