

MEDIA RELEASE

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COVID-19 outbreak declared over at Welland Site's Extended Care Unit

An outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared over at the Extended Care Unit, Welland Site.

One staff member tested positive for COVID-19 following routine surveillance, which met the provincial guidelines to call an outbreak in a long-term care setting. This was a community-acquired case, and there have been no other positive COVID-19 cases in the home.

"The team in the Extended Care Unit has worked very hard to limit the spread of this highly contagious virus in the home and maintain a safe environment for the residents and staff," says Derek McNally, Executive Vice President, Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Executive. "This has been a difficult time for all involved. I'd like to thank the Niagara Health team for their efforts to bring a safe and timely end to this outbreak and thank our residents and families for their understanding and support."

In-person visiting continues to be restricted.

The only visits that are permitted are pre-approved Essential Caregiver visits. Only one caregiver may visit with a resident at a time and must have proof of a negative COVID test within seven days of the visit.

"Given the amount of COVID-19 activity in the hospital and in the community, we need to reinforce how critical it is for everyone to wear a mask, wash their hands, practice physical distancing at all times, and stay within your small social bubbles," says Mr. McNally.

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