KMHC declares COVID outbreak in Long-Term Care Unit 2

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 9, Onerahtókha/April 2025) Tehsakotitsén:tha Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre ('KMHC') wishes to advise the community that two (2) cases in Unit 2 have <u>tested positive for COVID-19</u>. An 'index (initial) case' has been identified, which has allowed staff to determine that an epidemiological link exists and, therefore, we are considering the current situation as an outbreak.

Families and staff have been advised about the outbreak. The following actions have been put into place, effective immediately:

- Any person exhibiting flu-like symptoms should NOT visit our in-patient units. (These symptoms include fever, sudden cough, sore throat, muscle or joint pain, extreme fatigue, runny nose/nasal congestion and/or headaches, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea/abdominal pain may also occur in some cases).
- Mandatory masking has been reinstituted for all staff and visitors to Unit 2.
- Protocols for <u>all</u> staff (nursing, housekeeping, kitchen, security & maintenance, etc.) have been implemented.
- Staff consistency will be implemented (as much as possible, staff will not rotate to other departments until the outbreak has been declared as 'over').
- Residents will not visit other units, and group activities have been cancelled.
- Respite Care is on hold at this time.

Important Information

As has been stated many times since COVID-19 first appeared, it is vitally important that we protect our most vulnerable population (elders and those with compromised immune systems). Therefore, KMHC asks everyone to respect the measures it has put in place. Washing hands often and staying up-to-date with vaccinations are highly recommended.

Niá:wen for your cooperation.

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