

## Markham Stouffville Hospital declares outbreak of COVID-19 at the Markham site

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Today, in consultation with York Region Public Health, an outbreak has been declared on the 2 Centre (2C), Transitional Care Unit and 1 Centre (1C), Palliative and Complex Continuing Care Unit. As we continue to see the increase community spread of COVID-19, Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) remains vigilant. Our top priority is the safety of our patients, our health care workers and the community.

### ***2 Centre (2C), Transitional Care Unit***

Four patients and one staff member have tested positive. At this time, the patients are in isolation and are being monitored closely and the staff member is at home recovering.

### ***1 Centre (1C), Palliative and Complex Continuing Care Unit***

One patient has tested positive and results for additional tests are pending. The patient is in isolation and is being monitored closely.

As per outbreak protocol, we are conducting testing of patients and staff on the units and have enhanced infection prevention and control measures such as enhanced cleaning of the departments and equipment, and ongoing auditing and reinforcement of personal protective equipment (PPE) processes and procedure within the departments.

The MSH Occupational Health and Safety team is working closely with Infection Protection and Control and York Region Public Health on the outbreak management process ensuring best practice guidance is undertaken.

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