

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

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Today, in consultation with Durham Region Public Health, an outbreak has been declared on the inpatient unit at the Uxbridge site. Two staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 and are at home recovering.

The definition of a COVID-19 outbreak in a hospital as per guidance from the Ministry of Health is as follows: two or more laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases (patients/and or staff) within a specified area (unit/floor/service) within a 14-day period where both cases could have reasonably acquired their infection in the hospital.

Per the outbreak protocol, we are conducting testing of all patients and staff currently on site and have enhanced infection prevention and control measures. The hospital is working closely with Durham Region Public Health on the outbreak management process ensuring best practice guidance is undertaken.

As we continue to see an increase in community spread of COVID-19, Markham Stouffville Hospital remains vigilant. Our top priority is the safety of our patients, our health care workers and the community.

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