

Markham Stouffville Hospital Corporation declares outbreak of COVID-19 at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital

May 1, 2020 – Five patients on the inpatient unit at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital have tested positive for COVID-19 and an outbreak has been declared. Working closely with Durham Region Health Department the hospital has taken immediate precautions to protect patients and staff. A patient outbreak is declared when a unit has two or more patients who test positive for a communicable disease, such as the flu or COVID-19.

Under the guidance of the hospital's Infection Prevention and Control department, the unit was placed on appropriate precautionary measures, and all steps have been taken to quickly manage and identify any individuals with potential exposure to the virus. All other patients on the unit are being actively monitored for symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Our top priority is the safety of patients, our health care workers and the community. As we continue to see spread of COVID-19, Markham Stouffville Hospital Corporation remains vigilant and is actively preparing measures to respond to additional cases and outbreaks at the Uxbridge Hospital.

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