

Oak Valley Health declares outbreak of COVID-19 at Uxbridge Hospital

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Today, in consultation with Durham Region Public Health, an outbreak has been declared at Oak Valley Health's Uxbridge Hospital within the inpatient unit.

An outbreak as defined by the Ministry of Health, is two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases (patients and/or staff) with a common epidemiological link within a specified area (unit/floor/service) within a seven day period where both cases could have reasonably acquired their infection in the hospital.

Six patients have tested positive. Five remain in hospital and are on additional precautions and are being monitored closely.

As per outbreak management measures, heightened infection prevention and control measures have been implemented such as testing of patients, close monitoring of patient symptoms, enhanced cleaning of the department and equipment, and ongoing auditing and reinforcement of personal protective equipment (PPE) practices.

The health and safety of our patients, the community, and our health care workers is paramount. The Infection Prevention and Control team at Oak Valley Health is working closely with Durham Region Public Health to ensure that best practice guidance is undertaken.

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