

# 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.

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.

Four patients have tested positive associated with this outbreak. These patients remain in hospital 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.

Before arriving at the hospital, please contact the unit at 905-852-9771 to discuss visitor guidelines as staff work to ensure all patients remain safe during the duration of this outbreak.

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

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