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Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll Declares COVID Outbreak (Visitor restrictions in place for both Ingersoll and Tillsonburg Hospitals)

An outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll (AHI) on the in-patient unit. The outbreak was declared Monday, January 3, after four patients tested positive for COVID-19. All patients and families are being notified of this outbreak.

AHI is working closely with Southwestern Public Health (SWPH) to implement enhanced precautions and measures to limit this COVID-19 outbreak to keep our patients, staff, physicians and our community safe. In addition to existing measures to control the outbreak, AHI is implementing additional measures including:

- Surveillance COVID testing of all inpatients.
- COVID-19 testing for all patients newly admitted to AHI.
- Continued postponement of all non-urgent and procedures.

AHI remains safe to receive care and it is important that our community does not delay seeking care for any urgent or emergent needs. The protection of patients, staff and physicians remains our top priority and we are doing everything possible to bring a safe and timely end to this outbreak. "We want to reassure the public that our precautions, practices, and protocols to address COVID-19 within the hospital continue to be followed carefully," states Mike Bastow, AHI/TDMH Interim President and CEO. "Our goal is to curb transmission within the hospital as well as protecting the health and safety of our community," says Bastow.

At this time only necessary visitors for compassionate grounds for AHI. In light of significant community spread due to the Omicron Variant, TDMH will be allowing Necessary Visitors ONLY (individuals whose presence is required for Safety, Enabling Care or Compassionate Grounds).

The community can help to ensure the health and safety of all individuals at AHI/TDMH and within the community by continuing to follow public health guidelines, including staying at home as much as possible, frequent hand washing, wearing a mask, physical distancing, and not socializing with anyone outside of your immediate household.

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