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Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Declares COVID Outbreak

An outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH) on the Medical/Surgical Unit (2 South). The outbreak was declared Thursday, August 25th, after five patients tested positive for COVID-19. All patients and families are being notified of this outbreak.

TDMH 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, TDMH is implementing additional measures including:

- No admissions to 2 South unit which will be reassessed next week.
- Surveillance COVID testing of all 2 South unit inpatients.
- COVID-19 testing for all patients newly admitted to TDMH.

TDMH 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, Chief Operating Officer. "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 visitation to the 2 South Medical/Surgical Unit will be restricted to necessary visitors for compassionate grounds. The community can help to ensure the health and safety of all individuals at 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 when not feeling well.

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