

COVID-19 Update

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To: MUMC/MCH staff and physicians

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Subject: **Positive case – MCH staff member**

We were notified today by Hamilton Public Health that a nurse who provides care at our site tested positive for Covid-19. The nurse contacted HHS Employee Health Services as soon as they started experiencing symptoms. They were advised not to report to work and sent for testing. The individual is in self-isolation at home.

HHS Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and Employee Health Services (EHS) are working with Hamilton Public Health to identify and inform individuals that may be associated with this case.

Those who met exposure criteria with the nurse have been directed to go into self-isolation at home. The area where the nurse provided care has also been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

We encourage everyone to be supportive of one another during this difficult time.

Staying informed

- Information about the HHS response and our preparation regarding COVID-19 is available [on the Hub](#).
- Updated policies and procedures regarding PPE, screening, visiting and more are shared in the Daily Dispatch sent out by email and posted on the [Hub](#).
- If you haven't already downloaded the Hub app to your phone, please do so. Take the Hub with you wherever you are and stay in touch with the latest news from HHS.

Thank you
