COVID-19 Update

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To: Everyone at St. Peter's Hospital

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Subject: **UPDATE - Outbreak on 3 West and point prevalence testing**

Outbreak on 3 West

On Monday April 20, in consultation with Hamilton Public Health Services, a Covid-19 outbreak was declared on the 3 West Palliative Care Unit at St. Peter's Hospital after a patient tested positive for the virus.

As of today, the total number of patients who have tested positive is three and the total number of healthcare workers is five (all from 3 West).

The 3 East Palliative Care Unit has re-opened to admissions.

The 3 West Palliative Care Unit remains closed to admissions.

Both units have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

Where appropriate, we have also informed family members to ensure that they are kept apprised of the safety measures we are taking.

Point prevalence testing

Testing of all patients on all units at St. Peter's Hospital (Medically complex, Restorative Care and Behavioral Health) will be completed tomorrow (Thursday April 30). This measure is a part of HHS' expanding surveillance practice in response to the ongoing pandemic

NOTE: Medical Directive 49006 *Collection of Nasopharyngeal Swab for COVID-19 Testing at Hamilton Health Sciences*, has been expanded to support asymptomatic testing, therefore a physician order is not required. Order entry: Meditech test code **COVID19.**

As always, please continue to be vigilant in: self-monitoring, adhering to universal masking guidelines, maintaining physical distancing, washing your hands, performing PCRAs, and assessing patients for symptoms of Covid-19.

We all have a role in protecting ourselves, our colleagues, our patients, and our families.

For more information**,** speak with an employee health nurse or infection control practitioner.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to contain the spread of this virus.