

MEDIA RELEASE

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COVID-19 outbreak declared at Welland Site's Extended Care Unit

An outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared at the Extended Care Unit at Niagara Health's Welland Site.

One resident tested positive for COVID-19, which meets provincial guidelines to call an outbreak in a long-term care setting.

We are taking all necessary steps to create the safest possible environment for the residents and staff. That includes twice-daily screening of all residents and staff, enhanced cleaning, dedicated staffing, full personal protective equipment, among other measures.

In-person visiting continues to be restricted.

The only visits that are permitted are pre-approved Essential Caregiver visits. Only one caregiver may visit with a resident at a time and must have proof of a negative COVID test within seven days of the visit.

The Extended Care Unit is a 75-bed long-term care home.

COVID outbreaks reinforce how critical it is for everyone to wear a mask, wash their hands, practice physical distancing at all times, and stay home as much as possible.

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