

Ross Memorial Hospital patient tests positive for COVID-19

This Week

A patient in the Ross Memorial Hospital's continuing care wing has tested positive for COVID-19.

The patient was hospitalized for an unrelated health issue but was tested after experiencing a sudden onset of symptoms of respiratory illness.

As a COVID-19 outbreak is classified as one or more cases, outbreak control measures have been implemented. These include relocating the patient to an isolation room in the hospital's dedicated COVID-19 unit, identifying any potential exposures among patients, staff and physicians, increased surveillance and testing of all patients and staff on the unit, and anyone who may have been in close contact with the patient, and restricting access to the affected unit.

“Due to our increased surveillance measures, our team was able to swiftly identify this patient's change in condition and complete testing,” says Kelly Isfan, President and CEO. “The hospital will continue to do everything we can to protect our patients and team.”

The hospital has several measures in place, including:

- Continuing to follow public health directives with regard to Personal Protective Equipment
- Restricting visitors and non-essential workers
- Active screening at entrances
- Increased screening and surveillance of all patients

“The hospital is continuing to work closely with the health unit to ensure all precautions are put in place to protect the patients and staff of the hospital,” stated Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit medical officer of health Dr. Lynn Noseworthy.

For the latest information on RMH and COVID-19, please visit www.rmh.org/covid-19

For more information about COVID-19 and positive cases in the area, please visit www.hkpr.on.ca.