



**Date:** October 21, 2020  
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**To:** SBH All Staff & Physicians  
**Subject:** Notification of COVID-19 Outbreak on E5 & E6

We are currently investigating two (2) COVID-19 outbreaks linked to the E5 & E6 medicine units at St. Boniface Hospital.

As of 11 am today, there are 11 patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 in relation to these outbreaks.

Five (5) staff members have tested positive.

Outbreak protocols have been implemented at the hospital to ensure the ongoing protection of patients, staff and visitors. All potential contacts between October 5 and October 20 are being traced so that they can self-isolate and, if necessary, be tested as we investigate the origins of the transmission.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, the following measures have been implemented:

- Suspension of new patient admissions to the E5 & E6 units.
- Restriction of visits to the units as per the Provincial Guidelines. We encourage families to continue virtual visits with their loved one.

These measures continue:

- Enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces.
- Ensuring the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment, including donning and doffing of equipment.
- Ensuring physical distancing on units and common areas.
- Promoting proper hand hygiene practices.

St. Boniface Hospital remains open. Clinics and procedures continue as usual.

We are doing all that we can to contain transmission of COVID-19. Our efforts continue to keep patients, employees and our community safe.

We appreciate this is unsettling news. Please be assured that we have moved quickly to enact precautions that will prevent any further spread of illness. Should you have questions or concerns please contact your manager, Occupational Health & Safety or members of our Infection Prevention & Control team.