

St. Joseph's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Case Count update

Friday, July 29, 2022

COVID-19 Details	#	Special Considerations
Total Active Positive Resident Cases	1	<p>*Chestnut is now the only home area in Outbreak. The following protocols have been put in place as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents with COVID-19 have been placed in isolation • Residents experiencing symptoms and/or have been in close contact with a positive case are placed in isolation. • N95 masks will be required for staff working on the affected units. • All group activities have been cancelled until further notice. • Visitation will be limited to essential caregivers. Only one essential caregiver may visit at a time. • Those visiting residents in isolation must wear full PPE for the entire visit. The visit must be restricted to the resident's room. • Those visiting residents in affected home areas who are not in isolation must limit the visit to the home area. • Enhanced symptom monitoring of residents now in effect. • Enhanced cleaning and disinfection (minimum twice daily of high touch surfaces) now in effect. • Signage has been placed on entrances to affected home areas, notifying visitors to those units that there is an active outbreak on the unit
New cases since date of last report (July 27, 2022)	1	
*Residents Awaiting results of PCR test	5	
Active Positive Staff Cases	10	
**Staff being monitored (this includes positive staff cases)	18	
Returned to work (for period beginning July 13, date the current outbreak began)	11	

New Information for today: * All COVID-19 cases on Magnolia, Bluebird and Hummingbird have been resolved and the Brant County Health Unit has declared these areas to be out of outbreak. Therefore communal dining and small group activities have been reinstated for these three units, and more than one essential caregiver can visit at a time.

The home itself remains in outbreak due to the outbreak on Chestnut Court. Face shields continue to be required for all staff and visitors throughout the home, to be worn in combination with a mask. No general visitation permitted.

Explanatory notes

*There are a number of reasons why residents undergo a PCR test:

- Admission / readmission
- Symptomatic of COVID 19
- Positive results on a RA test
- High risk exposure
- Surveillance testing

**Staff can be monitored for a number of reasons such as:

- They are confirmed positive
- They have tested positive on a rapid antigen test and are awaiting results of a PCR test
- they are symptomatic but have not tested positive
- they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

***Not all staff absences are due to testing positive for COVID 19. They may have been away due to the reasons listed in the “Monitoring” section above.

Please note that the total number of cases listed on the Brant County Health Unit website reflects the total number of cases since an outbreak began, not the active case count.