

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

COVID-19 Details	#	Rhinovirus Details	#	Special Considerations
Total Active Positive Resident Cases	1	Total Active Positive Resident Cases	1	Brant County Health Unit has placed Lilac Lane and Bluebird Terrace in Respiratory Outbreak and has confirmed the respiratory virus on Lilac to be a rhinovirus. Magnolia Drive remains in a status of suspected COVID-19 outbreak. Canary Path has been placed in Suspect Outbreak due to several residents exhibiting signs of a gastrointestinal virus (nausea, vomiting and diarrhea).
New cases since date of last report, (March 13, 2023)	0	New cases since date of last report (March 13, 2023)	0	
Residents Awaiting results of PCR test	17	Residents Awaiting results of PCR test	17	
Active Positive Staff Cases	1			
Staff being monitored (this includes positive staff cases)	6			
Returned to work (for period beginning Feb 6 – Date the last outbreak ended)	25			

New Information for today. Due to outbreaks in four home areas, Brant County Health Unit has now placed St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre in a **home-wide outbreak**. Only essential caregivers may visit the home during the outbreak period. All staff and visitors must wear full PPE with N95 masks when visiting isolation rooms. Face shields are not required at this time, however, if case numbers increase face shields may be required in all areas of the home. All home-wide activities are on hold during the outbreak period; activities will be limited to small-group within the home areas. Additional cleaning staff have been brought in to increase the frequency of disinfection to high-touch surfaces. Staff in each home area will be limited to working only in that home area to reduce the possibility of further spread.

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.