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**Outbreak declared at Stedman Community Hospice - update**

St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre Brantford has been notified by the Department of Public Health that four members of our Stedman Community Hospice staff and one patient have tested positive for COVID-19. The safety and well-being of our patients, families and staff remains our first priority.

As a result of these positive cases, Public Health has declared Stedman Community Hospice to be in Outbreak status.

Essential visitation has been suspended during the outbreak. Exceptions will be made on compassionate grounds, i.e. when a patient death is considered imminent (expected to occur within hours).

"Stedman Community Hospice has strong infection prevention and control practices in place that are aligned with Ministry of Health directives and guided by public health authorities. We are working closely with Brant County Health Unit to protect our patients, staff and essential visitors," says Elaine Calvert, Vice President of St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre Brantford.