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Interior Health declares COVID-19 outbreak over at unit 5B at Kelowna General Hospital

KELOWNA – Interior Health has declared the COVID-19 outbreak over in unit 5B at Kelowna General Hospital (KGH).

A total of ten cases – five patients and five staff – and two deaths were linked to the outbreak on this unit.

“I would like to thank the team at KGH for their efforts in containing this outbreak. We send our condolences to the families of the two patients who passed away,” said Interior Health president and CEO, Susan Brown. “Our team continues to work hard at containing the outbreak on 4E.”

Dr. Albert De Villiers, Interior Health chief medical health officer, noted the excellent efforts of hospital leaders and staff to contain the outbreak and maintain services at KGH.

The hospital remains safe to attend for appointments and emergency care. Please continue with any scheduled procedures. Self-isolation or COVID-19 testing is not required after visiting the hospital.

It is essential that everyone continue following public health guidelines to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Remember to:

- Keep to your household bubbles and avoid social gatherings.
- Stay home when you are sick; get tested if you have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Practise physical distancing
- Wear a mask and wash your hands often
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Get vaccinated when your age group becomes eligible.

Interior Health has frequently updated COVID-19 information on our public website www.interiorhealth.ca

For more information on the vaccine rollout campaign, please visit our public website, <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-vaccines/>

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