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Update: Interior Health declares COVID-19 outbreak at Vernon Jubilee Hospital unit

VERNON – Interior Health has declared a COVID-19 outbreak on Level 3 surgical unit at Vernon Jubilee Hospital (VJH).

Three patients and two staff have tested positive for COVID-19. Investigation is ongoing and any patient with COVID-19 will be relocated to the COVID unit.

Anyone discharged from Level 3 surgical unit from March 15-29 is advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of their discharge from hospital. Anyone who was a roommate or at high risk of exposure will be called directly by Interior Health's Communicable Disease Unit.

There is no evidence of COVID-19 transmission to other areas of the hospital at this time.

Outbreak control measures are in place and a team of infection control and communicable disease specialists, along with VJH clinical staff and leaders, are meeting daily to contain the outbreak.

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.

Some surgeries requiring an overnight stay may be postponed, but replaced with day surgeries. All patients will be notified if their procedure is impacted and re-scheduled as quickly as possible.

It is important to follow public health guidance such as physical distancing, washing your hands regularly and wearing a mask.

Everyone in all communities should remain vigilant in following COVID-19 precautions:

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

Booking a COVID-19 test:

Online: You can book an appointment online through the COVID-19 Test Booking Form:
<https://interiorhealthcovid.secureform.ca/index.php>

By phone: Call the COVID-19 Test Booking Line at 1-877-740-7747 for assistance with booking your test.