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Interior Health declares COVID-19 outbreak on Kelowna General Hospital unit 3E

KELOWNA – Interior Health has declared a COVID-19 outbreak on unit 3E at Kelowna General Hospital (KGH).

Two patients and one staff member have tested positive for COVID-19. Investigation is ongoing and any patients with COVID-19 are being relocated to the COVID unit. Anyone considered potentially exposed will be contacted directly by Interior Health.

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 KGH 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.

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:

- 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.
- Register and get vaccinated https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/

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.

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