

COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



Memo from COVID-19 Incident Commander

All Staff - St. Clare's Mercy Hospital

September 5, 2021

Re: Public Advisory - Potential COVID-19 Exposure Notifications in the Eastern Health Region

Good Afternoon,

I would like to take this opportunity to share that this afternoon, the public advisory issued by the Department of Health and Community Services, [Potential COVID-19 Exposure Notifications in the Eastern Health Region](#), included the St. Clare's Mercy Hospital cafeteria on Wednesday, September 1, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This advisory is in keeping with current practice by the provincial government on public exposure notifications. Out of an abundance of caution, we encourage anyone who was in the cafeteria at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital on Wednesday during the times above to be tested. Those who visited the cafeteria during this time and do not have symptoms of COVID-19 are not required to isolate until they receive a negative test result. While awaiting the test result, please monitor for symptoms and isolate should any symptom develop.

Please be assured that in this situation, all appropriate practices have been followed and the highly effective public health measures we are so familiar with have been observed. This message is to ensure that our staff community is informed and understands what steps have been taken to maintain our safe and healthy workplace.

Any notification, isolation, and contact tracing that may be required for patients and staff is well underway. To date, we have not identified any additional cases. Staff and physicians are reminded to complete the online staff self-screening tool via forms.healthenl.ca/selfassessment. **If staff members have any one symptom, they are advised to stay home and to notify Occupational Health.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all staff who are not fully vaccinated to [GetTheShot](#) at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in your area. The current COVID-19 vaccination walk-in clinic schedule is also available via: easternhealth.ca/covid19/vaccine/walk-in-clinics/.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Occupational Health: 709-777-7777, pathway 3-2, or email occhealth@easternhealth.ca. Please also feel free to reach out to myself, or your manager or director. Your feedback and support are greatly appreciated as we continue to manage through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,
Judy O'Keefe,
Vice President and COVID-19 Incident Commander

Report all potential communicable diseases to Occupational Health: 709-777-7777, line 3, line 2, or email occhealth@easternhealth.ca.

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