

Family and Community COVID-19 Update

October 5, 2021

In consultation with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, a respiratory outbreak was declared on Toanche Level 6 on Tuesday, October 5. There are currently four patients exhibiting respiratory symptoms with all four in isolation on droplet/contact precautions.

The nature of the respiratory outbreak is not yet known. One patient has had two negative COVID swabs so we are hopeful this is a respiratory outbreak and not COVID-19, and all symptomatic patients will be tested for full respiratory panel including COVID-19. At this time, there is no need for further isolation or testing of patients or staff if they do not have symptoms, however syndromic surveillance will continue.

Our staff continue to follow strict infection prevention and control measures to contain this outbreak including wearing personal protective equipment, enhanced cleaning and restricting patient and staff movement on and off of this program. This also includes, regrettably, the temporary suspension of patient visits to Toanche Level 6. We are however working on securing technology to aid in connecting with loved ones and reducing isolation, as well as a process to have canteen items delivered.

While we are hopeful this outbreak is not related to COVID-19, all respiratory illnesses are disruptive and require the same due diligence. We continue to urge everyone to adhere to all infection and prevention control measures including wearing masks and washing hands. We also encourage everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines remain one of our best protections against COVID-19, and they are safe and effective. For more information on vaccines, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>.

We will share more information as it becomes available. This update and all others can be found on our website at www.waypointcentre.ca.

Resources for Patients and Families

Supports for patients and families are available at the contacts below. More information can be found at www.waypointcentre.ca/patients_families

<p>Spiritual Care Clinical Multifaith Chaplains and Traditional Healer 705-549-3181, ext. 2850</p>	<p>Patient/Client & Family Council A peer-led organization committed to using personal experiences to improve mental health & addiction services 705-549-3181, ext. 2222</p>	<p>Patient Relations Office For patient related issues – feedback, questions and concerns 705-549-3181, ext. 2999</p>
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