

Family and Community COVID-19 Update - February 8, 2021

The outbreak on Waypoint's Horizon Program for Geriatric Psychiatry continues. Since our last update on February 3, 2021, there have not been any additional patients who have tested positive for COVID-19. There have been two additional staff who have tested positive and the outbreak now consists of 11 patients, 13 staff, and sadly, five deaths.

Managing the outbreak is top priority for the hospital and our team is working closely with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. All safety precautions remain in place and our team of expert staff continue to provide compassionate care for our patients.

Horizon Program patients and a small number of other patients who received their first dose of the vaccine will receive their second dose on February 11, 2021. While we don't yet have confirmation on when the remainder of our patients and staff will receive their first dose, we continue to advocate for this to occur.

A reminder that the Horizon Program is in a separate building and the hospital remains open to admissions to our isolation unit. All other programs are continuing with on-unit activities with safety precautions in place. At this time for enhanced safety, most off unit-unit programming and visiting have been suspended across the hospital. Virtual visiting is available and our teams are happy to facilitate a visit.

Since the pandemic began in March 2020, Waypoint has had 19 patients and 28 staff, onsite contractors and students who have tested positive.

Waypoint's website is currently experiencing technical issues, but is expected to be available again shortly. Regular updates can be found on www.waypointcentre.ca as has been the case throughout the pandemic.

Resources for Families

Supports for families are available from our Spiritual Care Team, the Patient/Client and Family Council and the Patient Relations Office. 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 Available to listen to your feedback and work to answer your questions and resolve your concerns 705-549-3181, ext. 2999</p>
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