

COVID-19 Outbreak - Holy Family Hospital (Residential Care and Rehabilitation Program)

June 12, 2020 Update @ 17:00

Infection Prevention and Control, the Vancouver Coastal Health Rapid Response Team and Public Health have been working closely with staff at Holy Family Hospital to manage the COVID-19 outbreak declared on June 9, 2020.

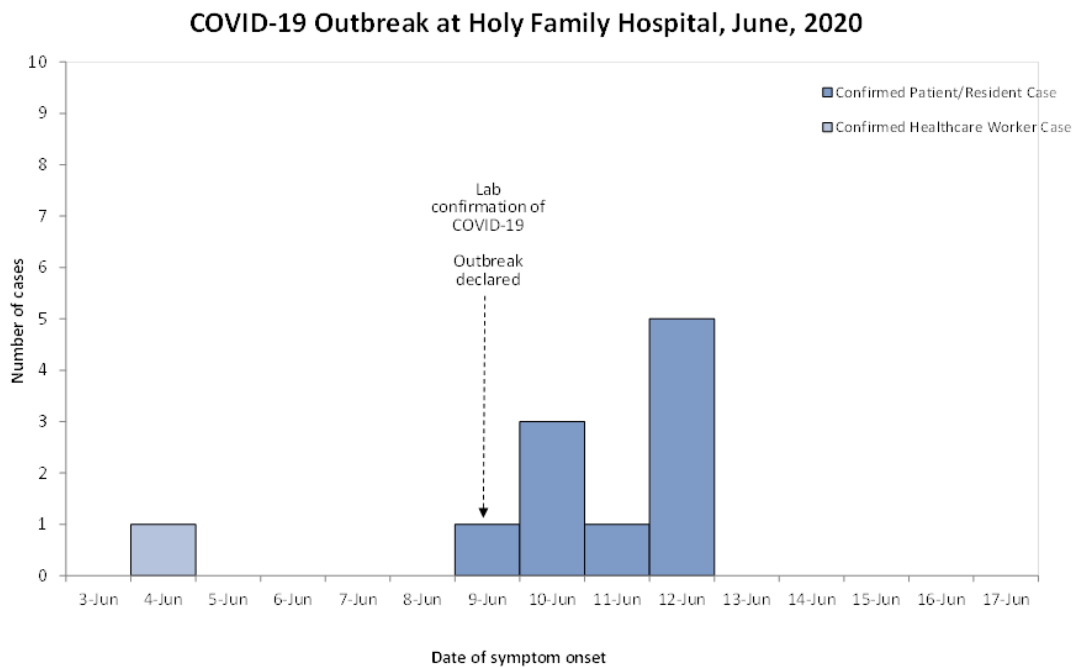
The index case was a healthcare worker who is being followed closely by Public Health in the community.

Today, 13 residents had new or persistent symptoms and were tested. We have identified 5 new residents with confirmed COVID-19.

Since the outbreak was declared, 7 health care workers (HCW) with symptoms were tested and results are negative. There are no new HCW with symptoms. We also provided testing to 29 **asymptomatic HCW** and the results are pending.

There are no patients in the **Rehabilitation Program (main floor of HFH)** who have symptoms. The initial tests from all patients are negative.

The epidemic curve (updated June 12 at 17:00) is shown below:



All COVID-19 Outbreak Precautions will remain in place at Holy Family Hospital

OUTBREAK CONTROL MEASURES INCLUDE:

Communication:

- There is a dedicated phone line (1-844-824-2219 or 604-875-4953) and [website](#) to answer questions and address concerns. Family members will be updated regularly.
- We will continue to provide regular outbreak updates.

Rapid and ongoing identification of infection:

- We have standardized line lists for documenting signs/symptoms in residents/patients. Line lists will be reviewed by IPAC and Public Health daily. IPAC team members will be on site daily to help with coordinating /collecting new tests.
- All healthcare workers who have symptoms compatible with COVID-19 need to get tested, stay home and notify their supervisor.

Control measures:

- Enhanced hand hygiene is being promoted.
- Health care workers are screened (temperature check and symptom review) twice per shift.
- Residents with confirmed infections will be cohorted as much as possible. In assessing cohorts, we are balancing the infection prevention needs with the infrastructure of the facility and overall resident health status. The resident who was transferred to George Pearson Centre (GPC) has now returned to HFH. Some health care workers from GPC have been redeployed to help care for residents with confirmed COVID-19.
- The Rapid Response Team is on site to support optimal use of personal protective equipment and other infection prevention practice measures.
- Meals are being delivered to patient rooms and common dining areas remain closed.
- Enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection measures continue.
- If residents/patients require transfers for acute medical needs that are compatible with goals of care and serious illness conversations, receiving units and transportation teams will follow appropriate infection prevention measures. Public Health must be notified of all transfer requests.

Caring for our staff:

- Temporary accommodations have been made available for HFH staff.
- Food for staff is being arranged.
- Mobile change areas/showers are being planned for HCW in residential care to enable better separation of staff in residential care and the rehabilitation program.

Thank you to everyone for your care and dedication to controlling this outbreak.



