

COVID-19 Outbreak - Holy Family Hospital (Residential Care and Rehabilitation Program) June 14, 2020 Update @ 18:30

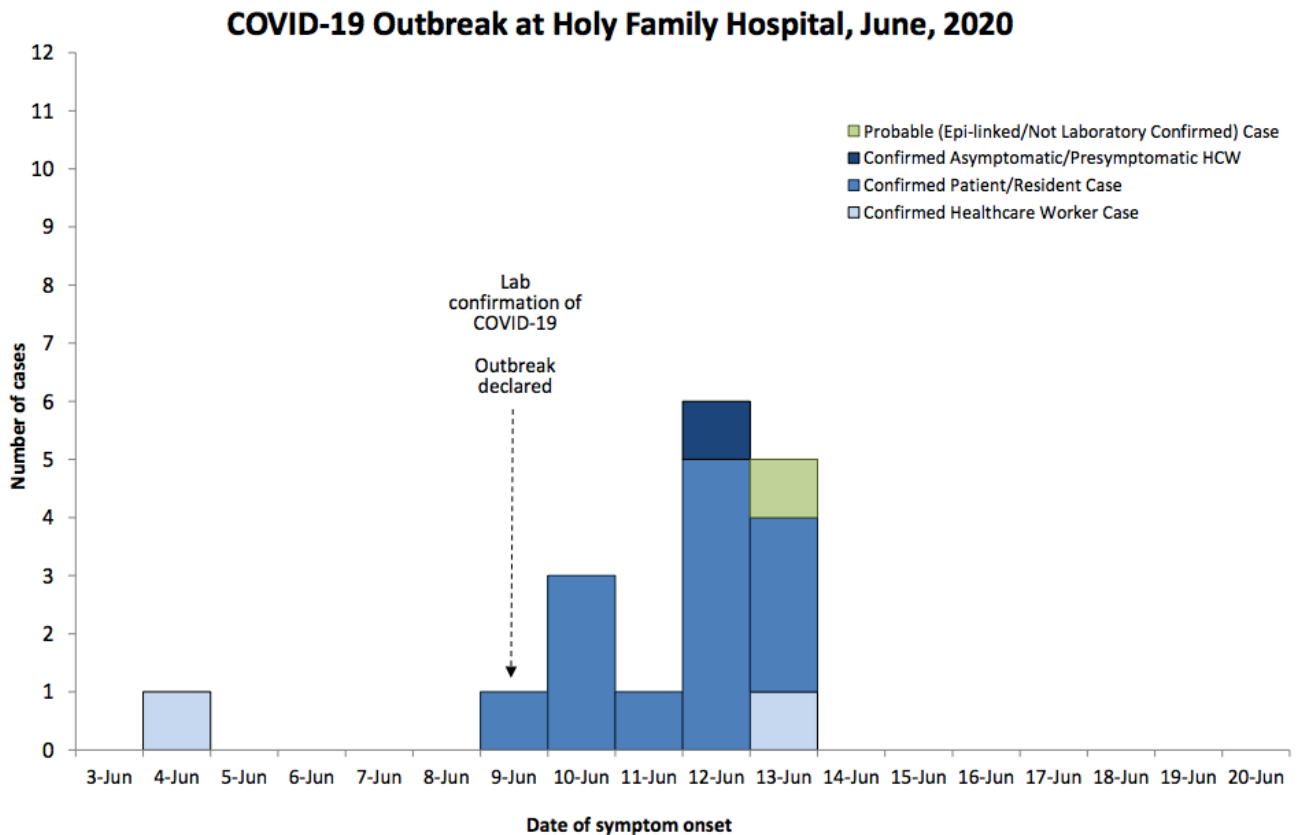
Today is post-outbreak declaration day five at Holy Family Hospital (HFH). Our priority remains on caring for the residents and patients, and supporting the dedicated health care workers (HCW) and staff at HFH.

The **Rehabilitation Program (main floor of HFH)** has no patients or staff with confirmed COVID-19, and the teams there are actively monitoring for cases. Two patients with mild symptoms were tested today and results were negative.

In **Residential Care**, 5 residents were tested since yesterday evening's update. There is one additional resident with confirmed COVID-19, and one resident considered an epidemiologically linked case (not laboratory confirmed). From the testing of 25 asymptomatic HCW yesterday, no new cases were identified. The additional HCW confirmed yesterday is tentatively attributed to June 13 for symptom onset, and Public Health is following all the confirmed HCW in the community.

For COVID-19 the median incubation period is 4 days, but can be as long as 14 days. The confirmed cases are expected from the initial transmission events. The nursing and physician teams are communicating with the families to ensure they have updates on the statuses and care plans of residents with confirmed COVID-19. There have been no transfers from residential care.

The epidemic curve (updated June 14 at 17:30) is shown below.



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

OUTBREAK CONTROL MEASURES INCLUDE:

Communication:

- There is a phone line (1-844-824-2219 or 604-875-4953) and website to answer general questions.
- We are planning a virtual forum for residents' families next week.

Rapid and ongoing identification of infection:

- Standardized line lists documenting signs and symptoms are reviewed by IPAC on site and sent to and Public Health daily.
- HCW and staff who develop symptoms need to get tested, stay home and notify their supervisor for Public Health follow-up. HCW are screened twice per shift.

Prevention and Control measures:

- Emphasize the importance of practicing the 5 moments of hand hygiene.
- Further cohorting of residents is being planned. HCW from other sites have been redeployed to help care for residents and support staff at the front lines to prevent burn out.
- Personal protective equipment use continues to be emphasized with help from the Rapid Response Team and IPAC.
- Physicians in residential care are reviewing and optimizing care plans, and communicating directly with families.
- Maintaining physical distancing among residents. Dining rooms are closed and meals are served in residents' rooms. Families can continue to drop off food at the main entrance.
- Enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection continues.
- Public Health must be notified of all transfers.
- We are following the provincial visitor policy. Requests for exemptions are reviewed with the care teams and Public Health.

Supporting our staff:

- Three temporary accommodation services are available for HFH HCW.
- Supporting HCW with meals and healthy snacks to stay nourished during their shifts.
- Mobile change areas/showers and lockers have arrived for HCW in residential care. It is being set up this week.

We know this is a challenging time for the residents/patients and their families at HFH. We are proud of health care workers in collectively controlling this outbreak as a Providence Health Care team.

