

COVID-19 Outbreak – Holy Family Hospital (HFH) Updated June 29, 2020 at 7:15 pm

Under the leadership of the VCH Medical Health Officer, and as the outbreak evolves, prevention and control measures are continuously being updated and reinforced. **As of today, all HFH LTC residents have been placed on droplet and contact precautions.** Enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection of shared equipment and fomites is also being performed. Case detection strategies are being re-evaluated based on the current epidemiology of the outbreak.

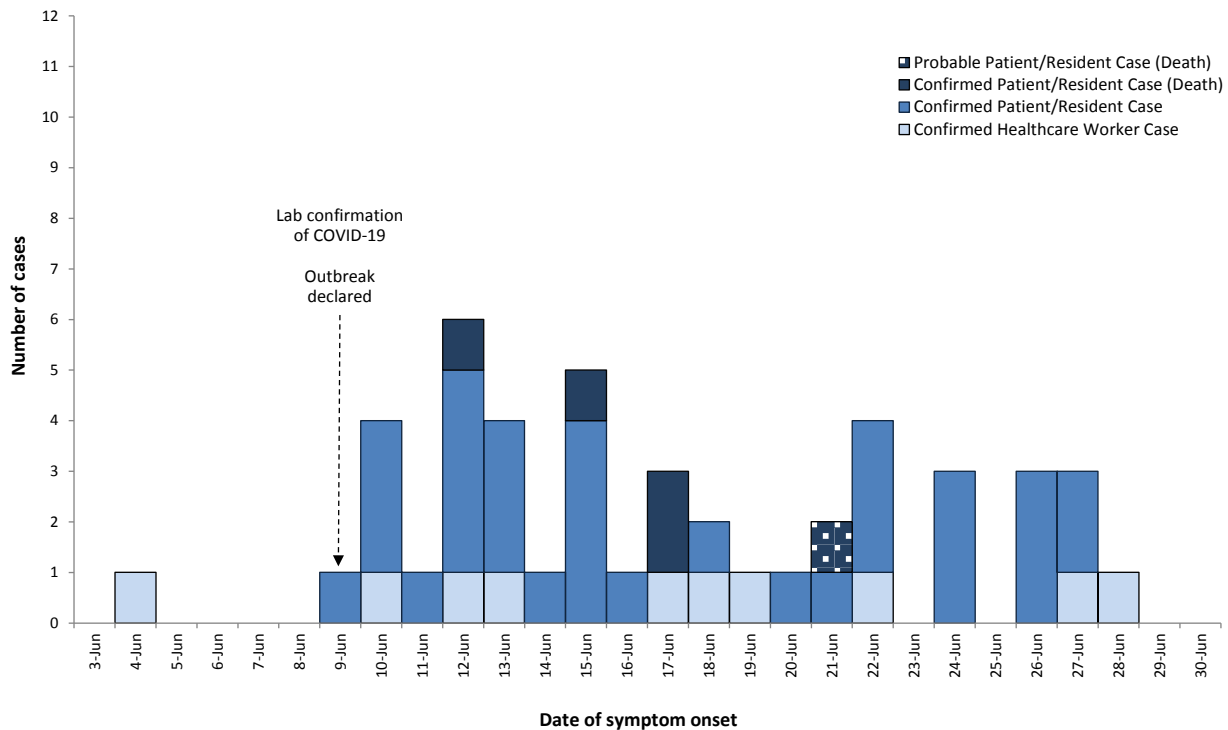
Since the last IPAC update on June 26, 2020, there have been **8 laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 identified at HFH LTC**, including 6 positive residents and 2 health care workers (HCW).

Currently, 5 confirmed cases are admitted as patients to St. Paul’s Hospital. Two additional HFH residents with confirmed COVID-19 have died, bringing the total number of deaths to 5.

In collaboration with VCH Public Health and PHC Virology, active screening of a large number of residents is being planned for June 30, 2020.

As previously stated, no cases have been identified from Rehabilitation units at HFH since the outbreak was declared.

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All COVID-19 Outbreak Precautions remain in place at Holy Family Hospital (entire facility).

All potential transfers of residents and patients out of HFH require a verbal or written order by the VCH Medical Health Officer, as well as close collaboration with PHC IPAC.

Prevention and control measures:

- Frequent and excellent hand hygiene by staff and residents.
- Barrier precautions, including universal usage of Personal Protective Equipment.
- Enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces.
- On-site support provided by Infection Control Practitioners 7 days per week.
- Conversion of nebulized medications to delivery by metered dose inhalers.
- Closure of dining rooms and common areas for residents.
- Implementation of the provincial visitor policy (which applies to BC facilities experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks).

Rapid identification of cases:

- Active case finding, including frequent monitoring of symptoms, and subsequent specimen collection in residents/patients with compatible symptoms.
- Rapid transport of specimens to the PHC Virology Laboratory for testing, including close coordination of testing with PHC Medical Microbiologists.
- HCW with new symptoms are asked to refrain from working and to present to an assessment site for specimen collection as appropriate:
 - Advanced Parking Lot #9075, 700 block West 33rd Avenue (between Willow and Heather Streets), Vancouver
 - City Centre (Downtown) Urgent Primary Care Centre (UPCC), 1290 Hornby Street, Vancouver

Thank you for your continued support and ongoing dedication in controlling this outbreak.