

## COVID-19 Outbreak - Holy Family Hospital (Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Program) June 16, 2020 Update @ 18:20

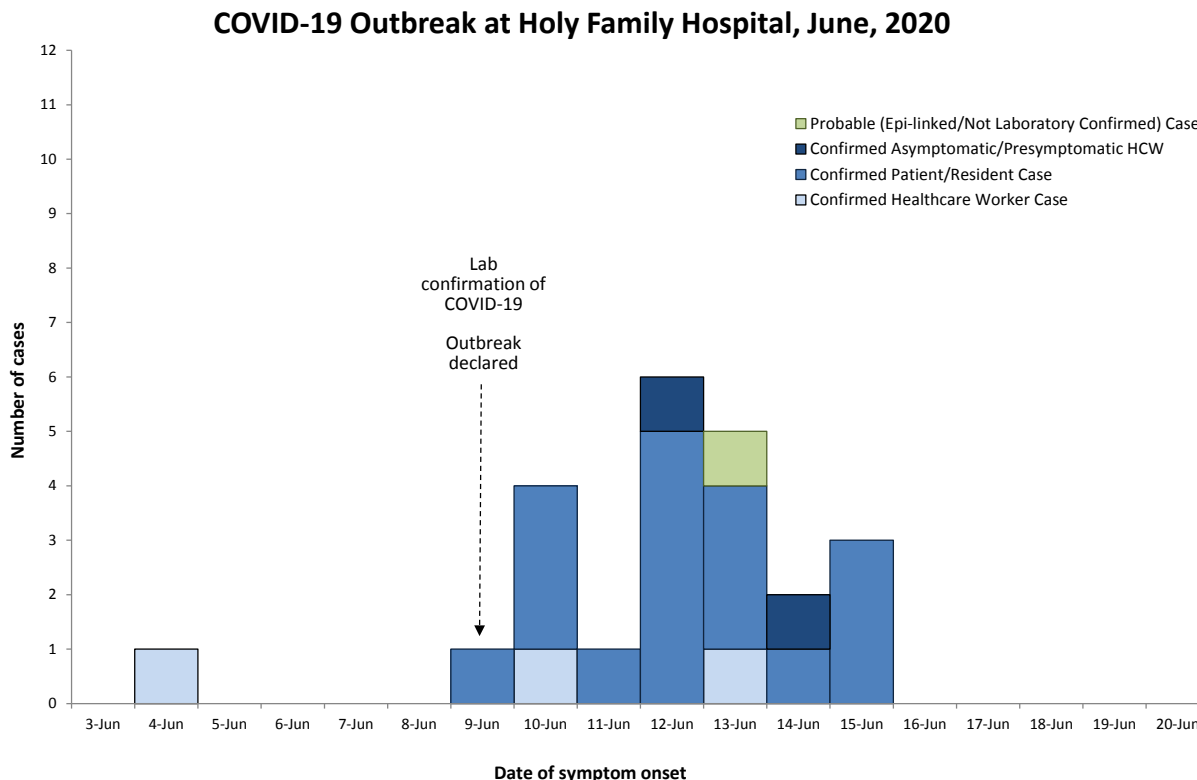
Caring for our frail elderly residents at Holy Family Hospital continues to be our priority on Day 8 of the outbreak.

There are no patients in the **Rehabilitation Program** with confirmed COVID-19. All tests collected have been negative. We need to stay focused on infection prevention and control efforts and maintain rehabilitation treatments to ensure we can lift restrictions in the Rehabilitation Program next week.

In **Long Term Care (LTC)**, we have collected 12 samples from residents since yesterday's report. We have one new resident with confirmed COVID-19 (symptom onset June 15). Nine results are pending. There is one new healthcare worker (HCW) case with symptom onset on June 10. Public Health is following the HCW in the community. A family member visit was arranged yesterday for one of the residents. The other residents are stable. The majority of residents are continuing to present with mild symptoms and progression to worsening disease may be anticipated to occur 7-10 days into the illness. In the [media today](#), there is reference to the use of dexamethasone (steroid) in reducing mortality among hospitalized patients with COVID-19 who require supplemental oxygen or ventilator therapy. The physicians in LTC are reviewing to see if this treatment may apply to certain residents. The demographics of residents with confirmed COVID-19 and symptom onset information is shown below:

Age range	76-93
Median age	87
Female	11
Male	6
Residents with one symptom	11
Residents with two symptoms	5
Residents with >=3 symptoms	1
Cough	8
Temp >38.0	1
Temp 37.0-37.9	6
Sore throat	3
Rhinorrhea	1
Fatigue/weakness	1
Diarrhea	2
Sneeze	1

The epidemic curve (updated June 16 at 18:00) is shown below:



**All COVID-19 Outbreak Precautions will remain in place at Holy Family Hospital. Outbreak control and resident/patient care measures include:**

**Communication:**

- A virtual town hall for residents' families is scheduled for June 19, 2020 @10:00
- There is a phone line (1-844-824-2219 or 604-875-4953) and [website](#) to answer general questions.

**Rapid identification of infection:**

- Repeating tests in residents/patients with compatible symptoms.
- All healthcare workers who develop symptoms are tested off site. Onsite testing for asymptomatic HCW who have concerns is scheduled for tomorrow.

**Prevention and Control measures:**

- Maintain excellent hand hygiene and PPE use. Rapid Response Team supports remain.
- Ongoing efforts to cohort residents/staff with input from Public Health and HFH teams.
- Physicians have optimized medication administration orders and communicated resident statuses with families.
- The interdisciplinary long term care team (I-LTC) was on site to provide consultation in dementia care and behavioral care plans for residents
- Meals are delivered to resident rooms and common dining areas are closed. Family can continue to drop of food for residents/patients.
- Adding additional environmental services staff were added.
- Transfers out of HFH are communicated to Public Health and prevention measures are followed.
- We are strictly adhering to the provincial visitor policy.

**Supporting our staff:**

- Email the Wellness & Support team via [covidwellness&support@providencehealth.bc.ca](mailto:covidwellness&support@providencehealth.bc.ca)
- Reach out to your Wellness Champions (if you have one on your unit currently) or the Long Term Care Dedicated Person, Nora McKellin, MSW RSW, through Wellness and Support line.
- Contact the COVID-19 Support Line at 604-806-9925.
- For health & safety questions/concerns, please contact Sandy Coughlin, Director – Occupational Health & Safety at 604-341-6272.
- If you need more urgent emotional support, please contact EFAP 24/7 Telephone: 604-872-4929 or 1-800-505-4929.
- Three temporary accommodation locations remain available to staff at HFH
- Food delivery and snacks for HCW continues
- Mobile change areas/showers are set up in residential care. Lockers for staff in residential care should be arriving
- Scrubs for staff will be available.

Today, a colleague sent me a Pope Francis tweet I would like to share:



**Pope Francis**  @Pontifex · Jun 15

The #Covid19 pandemic has shown that our societies are not organized well enough to make room for the elderly, with proper respect for their dignity and frailty. When the elderly are not cared for, there is no future for the young. #WEAAD2020

**Our healthcare workers and staff are providing compassionate and quality care for our frail elderly. Thank you for living the PHC vision - *Driven by compassion and social justice, we are at the forefront of exceptional care and innovation.***