

November 2, 2023

Hello families and loved ones,

Last week we declared Oak on COVID-19 outbreak and as the week went on, we have resolved many of our cases. Unfortunately, the transmission of the virus is still evident. We have also received a new case of RSV. According to WRHA, we meet the definition of an RSV outbreak as of November 2, 2023.

RSV outbreaks are 16 days at minimum hence the tentative outbreak resolution for our Oak unit has been extended. With the occurrence of the additional RSV case, we understand that families may be interested in acquiring the RSV vaccine for their loved ones. As it stands, there is no publicly funded RSV vaccine, and the National Advisory Committee of Immunization (NACI) is still reviewing regulations and guidelines for administration of the newly approved vaccine. However, the vaccine is available through the pharmacy. A doctor's order is necessary, and it would have to be paid for by family. If this is an option you would like to proceed with, please speak with your nurse and the physician.

No other cases in other units currently. There is a pending swab in Evergreen as of today due to a COVID-19 exposure from external sources. Outlined in the table below are the current cases occurring in our facility.

As of November 2, 2023 8:00am:

Unit	Active Cases	Pending Swabs	Resolved Cases	Tentative date for outbreak resolution**
Spruce	0	0	0	N/A
Evergreen	0	1	0	N/A
Willow		0	0	N/A
Maple/Elm	0	0	0	N/A
Oak	2 RSV (+) 3 COVID (+)	0	2 respiratory cases (-) for all viruses, 4 COVID (+), 1 refused swab,	November 16, 2023

Where n/a: not applicable

\*\*Date may change based on pending swabs and results

We continue to work with WRHA Infection control representatives to follow protocol and stop the spread of viruses in our home. Please be assured we are in constant communication with them to help guide us when new situations arise. Oak presents an interesting challenge as many of our residents like to wander and hard to isolate. Following



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WRHA recommendations, we have implemented 1:1 for some of our wanderer cases to keep them company, ensure they are staying in their room, sanitizing where they touch, etc.

**Currently, we are still asking *All family visiting the home, regardless of the unit, to wear a mask as we still have one unit on outbreak.***

**As part of outbreak measures, here are additional visitation guidelines for the OAK unit according to shared health:**

- Designated family caregivers can continue to visit to meet care needs of the resident/patient. There will be a maximum of 2 visitors per room. General visitors are not normally permitted during an outbreak except in certain situations (ex. End of life)
- Visitors are to stay in resident's room.
- Gowns and gloves are only necessary based on point of care risk assessment- please ask your nurse if you will be providing direct care for the resident
- Visitors are to perform hand hygiene before and after visiting the unit, as well as before and after entering the resident's room

It is flu season, so we are expecting a rise in respiratory cases. We will continue to have active surveillance and monitoring of residents for symptoms, so we can implement additional precautions and isolations as soon as possible.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding outbreak, please reach out to Fatima at [infectioncontrol@fdl.mb.ca](mailto:infectioncontrol@fdl.mb.ca) or call (204) 586-8541 extension 117

Sincerely,

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