

**To:** All staff and physicians

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**Date:** Thursday, May 13, 2021

**Re:** **COVID-19 Outbreak Declared at Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation and Veterans Health Unit**

Horizon has declared a COVID-19 outbreak at Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital (DECRH), Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation and Veterans Health Unit.

Effective immediately, **we will be returning to our Red Alert Level protocols for these facilities.**

**We will also be restricting all visitation at these facilities.** Some exceptions apply; this information will be available on Horizon's website later today.

As well, **non-urgent surgeries and ambulatory care (outpatient) appointments will be postponed** until further notice.

**Non-urgent professional service outpatient appointments**, including therapeutic services, blood and specimen collection, diagnostic imaging (X-ray), electrodiagnostics and respiratory therapy, **will also be postponed** until further notice.

Affected patients have been notified.

These measures are being put in place because an employee at the DECRH tested positive for a COVID-19 variant of concern today, Thursday, May 13. The employee is self-isolating, but there has been a high-risk of exposure in recent days.

**Employee Health will contact any staff and physicians who were potentially exposed.**

Active screening for COVID-19 symptoms will continue for **staff and physicians at all three facilities.**

I ask all of you to **continue to be vigilant in protecting yourself and others by following our Public Health and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures** to stop the spread of COVID-19.