Media Release
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Woodstock Hospital Experiencing COVID-19 Outbreak, Announces Indefinite Related Protocols

As of April 10, 2022, a COVID-19 outbreak has been declared on an acute inpatient service unit (2300) at Woodstock Hospital. For hospitals, a COVID-19 outbreak is declared when two or more patients in the same unit test positive for the virus within a ten day period.

Currently, Woodstock Hospital has a total of four COVID-19 positive cases related to the outbreak on the 2300 unit, with the other eight inpatients on the affected unit having tested negative. These inpatients have been placed on enhanced precautions protocol and have been moved to private rooms to help mitigate further potential spread. There will be no further admissions, internal transfers, or general visitors to the 2300 unit until the outbreak is resolved. Those who tested positive on the unit have been relocated to the hospital's designated COVID medical unit, equipped with negative pressure rooms.

"At this time, the individuals who tested positive in relation to the outbreak on 2300 unit are doing well, with none requiring any additional medical care," says Perry Lang, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO. "To be facing our first COVID-19 outbreak more than two years after the onset of the pandemic, is a testament to Woodstock Hospital's dedicated staff and physicians, and infection control protocols. The safety of our patients and staff, has been, and will remain, our top priority."

With consideration to the current outbreak, in alignment with several other hospitals across the South West region, Woodstock Hospital confirms the indefinite continuation of mandatory masking and COVID-19 screening for anyone entering the facility. Woodstock Hospital also maintains its COVID-19 vaccination policy for all staff and new hires.

"Removing the existing protocols related to COVID-19 would pose an increased risk of transmission of the virus," says Cindy Smart, Vice-President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer at Woodstock Hospital. "With our current masking and screening protocols, and with our enhanced measures related to the current outbreak-affected unit, Woodstock Hospital remains a safe place to receive care."

Members of the community should not hesitate to access medical and/or emergency services at Woodstock Hospital if and when they require them.

About Woodstock Hospital
Built in November 2011, Woodstock Hospital is a 178 bed, full-service community hospital, providing primary care to a population of 55,000 and specialized care to nearly 110,000 within the County of Oxford. The new facility offers a wide range of health programs including Maternal Child, Women's Health, Specialized Surgical Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services, Dialysis and Rehabilitation Programs, a Systemic Therapy Program and an MRI. Our full service facility works closely with our community partners to provide our patients with healthcare services, close to home.

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