

February 27, 2021

ADVISORY – Possible COVID-19 Exposure

Peterborough Public Health (PPH) is currently investigating a COVID-19 outbreak at Severn Court Student Residence, located at 555 Wilfred Drive, Peterborough, Ontario. At this time, there are six (6) confirmed cases and numerous high-risk exposures being investigated. It seems that many exposures are linked to an unauthorized, private gathering at the property. Preliminary screening results of one of the confirmed cases indicates a genetic mutation associated with a Variant of Concern (VOC). The type of VOC is undetermined at this time, pending further testing.

A Section 22 Class Order made under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7 has been issued to all residents of Severn Court ordering certain actions including remaining in their suite and/or bedroom, depending on the individual's situation. Peterborough Public Health is actively conducting case management and contact tracing.

Anyone who attended Severn Court (555 Wilfred Drive, Peterborough, Ontario) **between February 20th and February 27th, 2021** is advised to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for fourteen (14) days from your last exposure.

If you currently have or develop any of the following new or worsening symptoms that are not related to other causes or conditions, it is important that you self-isolate immediately and get tested for COVID-19.

- Fever or chills
- Cough or shortness of breath
- Muscle aches, joint pain and tiredness
- Difficulty breathing (shortness of breath)
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Headache
- Runny nose or stuffy (congested) nose
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (e.g., nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, diarrhea)
- Pink eye
- Extreme tiredness
- Falling down often (for older people)

Please visit <https://www.prhc.on.ca/about-us/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/> for testing options in Peterborough.

Be advised that Peterborough Public Health is currently in the Yellow Zone of the COVID-19 response framework. This means **indoor gatherings are limited to a maximum of ten (10) people** and all persons must be **able to physically distance**. If you fail to comply with this requirement, you may be liable to a charge of \$750.00.

Peterborough Public Health is asking every member of our community to be diligent with public health measures and protecting our community against the spread of COVID-19.

- Wash and sanitize your hands frequently
- Stay home if you are unwell; isolate and seek testing
- Physically distance from ANYONE who you do not live with
- Wear a mask or face covering when inside public places (including workplaces) and outdoors when physical distancing is a challenge
- Download the *COVID Alert* App at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covidalert>

For more information on COVID-19 please visit our website at <https://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/>
If you have questions about this advisory, please call Peterborough Public Health 705-743-1000.