

The COVID Clinical Response Committee (CCRC) has been asked to provide guidance on the multi-outbreak situation at Etobicoke General Hospital (EGH).

### **The Questions**

1. Why is EGH experiencing more COVID outbreaks (3) compared to BCH (0)?
2. How does EGH compare with other hospitals of a similar infrastructure age with respect to the frequency of outbreaks? Consider also the depth of the outbreak / ability to contain.
3. What are the recommendations to reduce the risk of outbreaks at EGH and to maximize containment of the outbreak?

### **CCRC Recommendations**

1. **This requires a comprehensive investigation led by Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC).**
  2. **It is recommended that an accredited framework is leveraged specific to the investigation of respiratory outbreaks (e.g. Public Health, Canadian Patient Safety Institute).**
  3. **Multi-incident investigations surrounding the outbreaks at EGH are currently in process. This process should build upon the results of these reviews.**
  4. **Similar investigations should be completed for cases of exposure and / or outbreak at the BCH and RCU sites (comparing how similar variables impact other sites with different infrastructure or processes).**
  5. **Other stakeholders should include facilities management, redevelopment and quality.**
  6. **The results of this investigation should be presented at CCRC for further collaborative discussion and review. At that time, questions (2) and (3) may be more fully considered in a multidisciplinary fashion.**
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