



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **CORNWALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WARNS OF CAPACITY ISSUES DURING THIRD WAVE OF COVID-19**

Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH) has been experiencing capacity issues with the third wave of COVID-19 in the City of Cornwall, and its surrounding areas. A number of patients who have gone to CCH with COVID-19 infection has grown exponentially over the last few weeks. CCH's occupancy for patients is 156, while they've seen inpatient counts as high as 210.

Due to CCH being at max capacity, the hospital has had to shuttle non-COVID patients to other neighboring hospitals in Brockville, Winchester, and Alexandria. The provincial Incident Management System (IMS) has been ordering the hospital to do so, as the IMS manages safe capacity of hospital inpatients. COVID-19 positive patients who would need to be shuttled to another hospital would be sent to another COVID center.

Akwesasronon who are experiencing a health issue that requires hospitalization should be advised of CCH's capacity issues, and be made aware of the possibility of being shuttled to a neighboring hospital.

The high rates of infection in and around the City of Cornwall has been attributed to the variant strains of COVID-19, which are highly contagious and infectious, often with more severe symptoms that require hospitalization.