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Interior Health declares COVID-19 outbreak over at 4B Unit at Kelowna General Hospital

KELOWNA – Interior Health has declared the COVID-19 outbreak over in unit 4B at Kelowna General Hospital (KGH).

A total of seven cases – six patients and one staff – and two deaths were linked to the outbreak on this unit.

“I would like to thank the team at KGH for their efforts in containing this outbreak and preventing further spread throughout the hospital,” said Interior Health president and CEO, Susan Brown. “We send our condolences to the families of the two patients who passed away and will work equally as hard to contain the second outbreak declared on March 6.”

Dr. Albert De Villiers, Interior Health chief medical health officer, noted the excellent efforts of hospital leaders and staff to contain the outbreak and maintain services at KGH.

It is essential that everyone continue to avoid social gatherings and limit socialization to their immediate household bubble, and follow public health guidelines to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Remember to:

- Keep to your household bubbles and avoid social gatherings.
- Stay home when you are sick; get tested if you have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Practise physical distancing
- Wear a mask and wash your hands often
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Get vaccinated when your age group becomes eligible.

Interior Health has frequently updated COVID-19 information on our public website www.interiorhealth.ca

For more information on the vaccine rollout campaign, please visit our public website, <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-vaccines/>

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