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## Interior Health declares COVID-19 outbreak over at Vernon Jubilee Hospital

VERNON – Interior Health has declared the COVID-19 outbreak over in the Level 3 surgical unit at Vernon Jubilee Hospital (VJH).

“I would like to thank everyone at the Vernon Jubilee Hospital who worked hard to contain this outbreak,” said Interior Health president and CEO, Susan Brown. “We are happy to see operations returning to normal and on behalf of everyone at Interior Health, send our condolences to the loved ones and caregivers of those who passed away.”

In total, four staff and 10 patients were connected to the outbreak, which was first declared on March 30.

Dr. Albert De Villiers, Interior Health chief medical health officer, noted the work of hospital leaders and staff, as well as IH communicable disease specialists, to contain the outbreak and maintain services.

“I extend sincere appreciation for the efforts by the team who worked tirelessly to contain the outbreak.”

The surgical unit has re-opened to admissions and essential visitor regulations resume for all patients.

Although this outbreak is declared over, COVID-19 still circulates throughout Interior Health communities. 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 you become eligible.

Interior Health has frequently updated COVID-19 information on our public website [www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca)

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