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Campbellford Memorial Hospital Declares Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) Outbreak – no restrictions to hospital visitors at this time

CMH laboratory has identified a higher than baseline VRE colonization rate amongst our patient population. An outbreak occurs when there is an increase in the rate of new cases over the baseline rate in a healthcare setting. As per provincial guidelines, CMH has initiated our outbreak protocol to investigate and mitigate any further increases in rate of colonization.

The hospital follows best practices recommended by the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC), in areas such as,

- Having housekeeping staffing levels consistent with provincial guidelines
- Double-cleaning patient rooms and following cleaning protocols.
- Being vigilant in enforcing proper hand-washing among all hospital personnel, patients and hospital visitors.
- Hand wash stations are installed at the entrance to the hospital, near elevators and in all patient care areas to prevent the spread of infection.
- On-going education is provided to staff, visitors and patients on the importance of this practice.
- All patients are screened upon admission as per hospital policies.

CMH remains fully operational, with programs and services across the hospital ongoing.

CMH expects all staff and visitors to be diligent in practicing infection prevention and control practices including hand hygiene when visiting the hospital at any time. Frequent hand washing, particularly before and after patient contact, is mandatory and vital to reducing health-care associated infections. Updates will be provided as information changes.

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