

Patient COVID outbreak at OSH

Quick fact sheet

- All patients have been tested.
- Many tests have come back negative.
- Positive cases have mild or moderate symptoms. No severe symptoms. Symptoms are:
 - Elevated temperature
 - Body aches
 - Malaise.
- As of 1/4, 29 COVID-positive patients since Dec. 29. Most patients are from Leaf 3 and Bird 1.
- Leaf 3: 64% of patients have tested positive
- Bird 1: 35% of patients have tested positive
- Flower 3: 3 patients have tested positive.
- Leaf 3, Bird 1 and Flower 3 are closed and are being treated as PUI/COVID units.
- A little more than half of the positive patients are symptomatic.
- All eligible patients had been offered booster doses before this outbreak.
- Patients on the two primary outbreak units who had boosters did not test positive.
- Many of the positive cases are vaccinated but none have had booster doses.
- Physicians and nurse practitioners are encouraging their patients to get vaccinated or boosted, if they refused the first time around.
- As of 1/4, 32 staff have tested positive since December 27.
- Admissions have been temporarily paused.
- OSH has notified DRO and DOJ of need for pause.
- All staff are asked to wear N95 masks if they have been fit tested. The majority of nursing and direct care staff have already been fit tested.
- Staff on LF3, BD1 and FL 3 are required to wear full PPE (N95, face shield, gown, gloves). Training and PPE are being provided, and locks will be changed as soon as possible to facilitate medical isolation.
- Patients on LF3, BD1 and FL 3 are expected to isolate in their rooms. Those who tested negative are encouraged to wear masks.
- There is no patient commingling on the Salem campus at this time.
- Two patients went to the emergency dept with low blood pressure and were both discharged from the ED and are back at hospital.
- As with most illness outbreaks, the source is most likely staff. The affected units are not admission units, so the likelihood of a patient bringing the illness into the hospital is very low. This is why booster vaccinations were offered to staff first.