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### **COVID-19 Outbreak at Horizon's Ridgewood Veterans Wing**

**(HORIZON) Friday, Nov. 19, 2021-** A COVID-19 outbreak has been declared at Horizon's Ridgewood Veterans Health Wing in Saint John.

Our Designated Support Person (DSP) program will be temporarily suspended, at Ridgewood Veterans Health Wing and Horizon's existing visitor restrictions will remain in place.

During this time, there will be no patient admissions or transfers to and from this facility. COVID-19 testing for patients and staff is underway and Horizon is following enhanced Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) guidelines.

These temporary measures are in place to ensure the health and safety of our patients, staff, physicians, and the community.

"Horizon continues to implement safety measures to protect our patients, clients and families," said Margaret Melanson, Horizon Health Network's VP of Quality and Patient-Centred Care. "IPC precautions are the best measures for reducing COVID-19 transmission. We are doing everything we can to ensure we are providing safe and quality care to our patients, clients and their families and our health care workers."

We understand it is difficult for families and friends to be separated from their loved ones during this period. We encourage people to use technology to connect with our patients. Our staff are working diligently to provide care and comfort to our patients during this outbreak.