



## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - February 24, 2010**

### **Three cases of MRSA on B6**

A cluster of four (4) confirmed cases of Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) has been linked to one medical unit at PRHC, and is therefore considered an outbreak. Only three (3) cases remain in hospital.

These cases have been identified through our routine contact tracings and ongoing screening process for antibiotic resistant organisms using a prevalence screen (swabbing all patients on the unit for MRSA).

PRHC remains fully operational and programs and services across the hospital remain unaffected. Visitors are still welcome and visiting hours are unchanged.

As always, all visitors are asked to fully comply with appropriate hand hygiene and infection prevention and control practices when visiting the hospital; it is mandatory and vital to reducing healthcare associated infections.

Several additional infection control measures have been put into place on B6, including:

- All identified cases are placed on "Contact Precautions". All patients on Contact Precautions are to remain in their room unless where medically indicated.
- Twice daily environmental cleaning of Contact Precautions rooms and the entire unit are underway.

Another prevalence screen will be conducted on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Further public updates will be posted on an as needed basis.

### **For questions or concerns, please contact:**

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