

Press Release
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Monadnock Community Hospital

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Monadnock Community Hospital was notified yesterday by the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that a patient who was tested at our hospital is positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus. All proper precautions were taken with this patient to ensure the least amount of risk to our patients, colleagues and visitors. The team was prepared to care for this patient and followed protocols appropriately. Our preparedness efforts around the virus are in line with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and DHHS guidelines.

We are unable to provide specific information on the patient. We are working with DHHS to evaluate and understand if there are people who have been in close contact with this patient who may have had exposure.

“As your community hospital, we frequently and effectively provide care for those with infectious diseases. We have been preparing for the potential presence of the virus in our broader community and we are confident in our ability to maintain the health and safety of our staff, patients and visitors. As a reminder, we all must be vigilant in following appropriate steps to protect ourselves, including physical distancing, and hand hygiene standards. I am so proud of our team at MCH and grateful for their amazing dedication and teamwork over the past few weeks. We will get through this together.” Cyndee McGuire, President and CEO.

If you have a fever or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), please call your primary care clinician. Do not go to your Clinician’s office or to the Emergency Department. You will be triaged over the phone and will be given instruction for next steps regarding your care.

We continue to work in partnership with DHHS. Know that your community hospital is here for you during this difficult time. Please call your primary care clinician if you have questions or concerns. You can find more information and resources about COVID-19 at our website www.monadnockhospital.org as well as www.nh.gov/covid19 and www.cdc.gov