

Surrey Memorial Hospital dialysis unit is open, General Medicine and Nephrology Unit is currently closed to new patients and visitors

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On September 2nd a [Vancouver Sun article](#) reported that, “An outbreak has been declared in the nephrology unit of the Surrey Memorial Hospital after a patient tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday.” BC Renal and Fraser Health take this situation very seriously, and would like to further clarify the following:

- The patient who tested positive for COVID-19 has been receiving dialysis in one of the in-patient wards of the Surrey Memorial Hospital General Medicine and Nephrology Unit. The outbreak didn't occur in the dialysis unit of Surrey Memorial Hospital.
- The Surrey Memorial Hospital dialysis unit is a separate facility from the General Medicine and Nephrology Unit. While the General Medicine and Nephrology Unit has now been closed to new patients and visitors, the dialysis unit remains open and safe for patients who receive kidney care there.
- In addition to the above, all patients and staff who may have been exposed to the patient carrying COVID-19 have been notified and are currently being screened for the virus. At this time, none of the patients or staff who may have been exposed to the patient carrying COVID-19 have tested positive for the virus.

[View the Vancouver Sun article.](#)