

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **COVID-19 Outbreak Declared on Inpatient Unit at Campbellford Memorial Hospital – Emergency Department to Temporarily Close**

**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – On Thursday, October 27, 2022, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit declared a COVID-19 outbreak on the Inpatient Unit at Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) following confirmed cases of hospital transmission.

The outbreak is currently affecting two of the three wings on the inpatient unit that accommodate both the 4-bed special care unit and our 30 acute care beds. Due to the size of the outbreak, the day surgery wing is also being temporarily repurposed as an inpatient care area to help alleviate capacity pressures and staff from other departments are being redeployed to assist with patient care on the inpatient unit.

As a result of the capacity and staffing challenges that have been brought on by the outbreak, the Emergency Department will temporarily close as of 3:30PM on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, until at least 8:00AM on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>. Patients requiring Emergency Care are advised to call 911 or to attend the closest hospital that offers emergency services:

- Northumberland Hills Hospital, 1000 DePalma Drive, Cobourg
- Quinte Healthcare Corporation - Trenton Memorial Hospital, 242 King Street, Trenton
- Quinte Healthcare Corporation - Belleville General Hospital, 265 Dundas Street East, Belleville
- Peterborough Regional Health Centre, 1 Hospital Drive, Peterborough.

While CMH is doing everything it can to ensure services in the ED resume on Saturday morning, due to the impacts the outbreak is having on physical capacity constraints and staffing levels, an extended, or additional closure may be required. Further communication to the public will follow if additional service reductions occur.

Because of the outbreak, all visitation to the Inpatient unit has been restricted except for patients in hospital for end of life care. Virtual visitation is still available and encouraged, and family members can reach out to Caitlyn Payne at 705-653-1140 ext. 2212 to set up a virtual visit.

CMH would like to remind the community that while most public health restrictions have been lifted, COVID-19 is still prevalent in the community and case volumes are rising in our area. Best practices such as physical distancing, wearing a mask in indoor public settings, (masks are mandatory at CMH), staying home when you're feeling unwell and getting your fall COVID booster are essential in slowing the spread within high risk settings like hospitals and long term care homes.

For the most recent updates on hospital policies and procedures as it relates to COVID-19, please visit:  
[www.cmh.ca/covid-19](http://www.cmh.ca/covid-19)