

MEDIA RELEASE



Campbellford Memorial Hospital responding to Ontario Ramp Down of Elective Surgeries and Non-Urgent-Non-Emergent Activities

All Non-Urgent Scopes at CMH Cancelled

Campbellford – April 9, 2021 – Following provincial direction received last evening, Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) will be cancelling all non-urgent scope procedures effective Monday, April 12 at 12:01AM. Ambulatory Clinics will continue to operate as usual.

This direction comes, as regions across the province see rising COVID-19 case counts and community transmission placing increased pressure on hospital critical care capacity.

The provincial government will be continuously monitoring this ramp down with a view to bringing on deferred services as soon as safely possible.

During these unprecedented times CMH is also asking that those visiting the hospital to support an in-patient, consider utilizing alternative options to connect with their loved ones. These include, virtual visiting and complimentary wi-fi and phone service.

While we recognize the important role family and support persons play for patients who are admitted to hospital, we also have a role to play in keeping our patients, staff and community safe. If an alternative to an in-hospital visit is not possible, please ensure you review our visitor policy before travelling to CMH. The policy can be found on our website at <https://cmh.ca/for-your-visit/visiting-hours>.

Alternate options to the CMH ED

For non-urgent health concerns, please contact your primary care provider. If you are unable to get an appointment with your provider or attend an after-hours clinic, you can also access Ontario's telephone and virtual care options. Connect virtually to an on-call doctor by visiting www.virtualcarenow.ca or to speak to a Registered Nurse 24/7 you can call Telehealth Ontario toll-free at 1-866-797-0000.

If you require emergency care, please ensure you are following all COVID guidelines. Guidelines are available on our website, by visiting [COVID-19 \(cmh.ca\)](https://cmh.ca/covid-19). Information on when to seek emergency care can also be found at the following link [file \(cmh.ca\)](https://cmh.ca/file)

If you are aware of a vulnerable individual living on their own, offering to do groceries for them, pick up their prescription or even calling to check in on their well-being can make a big difference.

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