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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

For Immediate Release – December 22, 2021 – The Emergency Department at Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) will be temporarily closed on Friday December 24th beginning at 5:00PM and re-opening at 7:30AM on Saturday December 25th due to difficulties in staffing this essential service having considered the quality of care requirements of our community.

A contingency plan has been implemented to deal with this temporary closure to ensure the impact to patient care is as minimal as possible. EMS and other emergency services are aware of the temporary closure and during these hours' ambulances will take patients directly to the closest area hospital that offers emergency medical services.

In reaching this decision, CMH investigated all support options and opportunities available including reaching out to our sub-regional partners who, while incredibly supportive, shared their own health human resource challenges. "The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly highlighted the implications of the shortage of health human resources throughout the Province," stated Eric Hanna, President and CEO. "CMH is continuously re-evaluating our strategies to recruit and retain members of our team during these challenging times."

Anyone requiring emergency health care treatment during the closure should:

- Call 911.

Anyone requiring urgent health care treatment should go directly to one of the following hospitals:

- 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.

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