

## MEDIA RELEASE



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## **Emergency Department to Temporarily Close on December 25th**

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022** – The Emergency Department at Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) will be temporarily closed from **6:00 AM to 7:30 PM on Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>** due to a nursing staff shortage.

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.

While every effort was made to keep the ED open, including reaching out to our regional partners, the ongoing Province wide shortage of health human resources continues to put a strain on health care operations throughout our region.

Patients requiring Emergency Care during this time 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.

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