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**Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update:
Campbellford Memorial Hospital Seeks In-kind Community Donations for Personal Protective
Equipment
Notice of Updated Elective and Non-Essential Services Delays and Cancellations
Community Requested Not to Bring Home-Prepared Food to CMH**

News:

Hospital Seeks In-Kind Community Donations for Personal Protective Equipment

Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) continues to provide essential services and its staff, physicians and community partners are working very hard to promote and protect the health and well-being of our community amidst the rapidly changing COVID-19 Pandemic.

There is a global demand for Personal Protective Equipment. To supplement our current inventory of Personal Protective Equipment, the hospital is calling out to community organizations, businesses and others (e.g. dental offices, nail spas) for in-kind donations of Personal Protective Equipment that could supplement existing supplies and support the safety of our front-line personnel, while reducing the spread of infection. This request is in anticipation of a potentially prolonged response to the pandemic. All of the following items should be in original and unopened packaging:

- N-95 Masks (Mask sizes: 3M 1860 SM, 1860 REG, 1870+ ONE SIZE, 8110 SM & 8210)
- 3M Filters – p100 2091/07000 in original packaging
- New Goggles and Eye Protection that meets Health and Safety Standards
- Disposable Isolation Gowns
- Surgical Masks with or without shields
- Non-latex Disposable Gloves
- Infrared Thermometers

If your organization or business has access to inventory that is not being used at this time and would like to donate these items to the hospital, please contact John Russell, Executive Director, Campbellford Memorial Hospital Foundation at jrussell@cmh.ca or call 705-632-2014. Please do not bring these items to our ER Department. All equipment donations must be vetted and cannot be dropped off without first confirming they can be accepted. We will arrange for delivery or pick-up with you when you contact John Russell.

Continued Delays and Cancellations of Elective and Non-Essential Services

The following services will continue to be postponed or cancelled until May 3, 2020:

Non-Essential Services: On direction from the Minister of Health and Ontario Health, CMH is pausing or postponing elective and ‘non-essential’ services over the next few weeks. We will be postponing services and/or work deemed non-essential. All patients are being contacted regarding any postponements.

Diagnostic Imaging: All elective diagnostic imaging appointments booked at CMH are postponed until further notice. This includes all elective mammograms and bone mineral densities, elective follow-up and screening, CT scans (excluding oncologic studies), elective ultrasound examinations and X-rays. *Our Diagnostic Department will continue to provide imaging services to inpatients, Emergency Room patients and outpatients with acute symptoms or other urgent issues.*

Surgical and Endoscopy Services and Outpatient Clinics: All surgical and endoscopy appointments, and Outpatient Clinics have been cancelled until at least May 3, 2020. However, requisitions and referrals received through CMH Booking Department will continue to be triaged by our Technicians. Patients will be called and booked appropriately in the future when the restrictions are lifted. Physician’s offices have been notified of our current restrictions and process.

Mental Health Services: All group programs are cancelled. All counselling and case management will be by phone support only. For Early Psychosis Intervention Programs, injections will be given in clinic by EPI Nurse, medication renewals and all other regular contacts will be completed by phone. For Psychiatry, medication renewals will be completed by phone. Court Support/Diversion program, all criminal court matters will be postponed, phone support is available. Clients of the Community Mental Health Department who present at the hospital requesting to see their counsellor are asked to call **705-632-2015** instead and leave a message. We will follow up with people as soon as possible (Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30).

Our Emergency Department continues to provide emergency and urgent care to patients. If you have an emergency and need medical assistance, please call 911 immediately. They will screen you for COVID-19 and take additional precautions if it is a possibility.

We are directing anyone coming to the hospital to enter through the Emergency Department door. We are actively screening everyone, including staff, entering the hospital to determine if extra COVID-19 precautions need to be taken by our staff. Protecting the safety of both our patients and staff is a priority.

Community Requested Not to Bring Home-Prepared Food to CMH

CMH is grateful for the warmth and support demonstrated by our community for our front-line staff and physicians. Please know that for safety and infection control reasons, the hospital must decline offers of home-prepared foods of any kind. While this gesture of goodwill is appreciated, CMH is asking the community not to bring home-prepared food into the hospital at this time.