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Universal masking continues at NHH

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, June 10, 2022—While requirements may be relaxing outside of high-risk settings, the universal mask policy at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will not be lifted just yet.

“Hospitals have a unique responsibility to provide a safe care environment, and with COVID-19 still in circulation we know that masks are one of the most effective steps we can take to protect our patients and each other,” said Susan Walsh, President and CEO.

[Visitors](#) will continue to be provided with a medical-grade mask when they pass through screening. NHH continues to require visitors to wear this mask at all times in public and patient areas of the hospital, except when eating or drinking in the Main Street Bistro. The mask mandate is also applicable to individuals visiting NHH’s community mental health program offices.

“We thank everyone for their ongoing cooperation, understanding and support,” said Walsh. “Updates will be shared if and when our universal mask policy changes in future.”

About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with 3 regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope, Alderville First Nation and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs more than 700 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians, midwives and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East)—formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network—and the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland. For more information, please visit nhh.ca or follow us on Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandhillshosp) or Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).

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