



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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Enteric outbreak on 2A medical/surgical unit declared over

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, October 29, 2020 – An enteric (gastrointestinal) outbreak identified on NHH’s 2A medical/surgical unit has been resolved.

The outbreak was announced on October 21 together with a number of control measures, including visitor restrictions, which were quickly put into place in consultation with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit to restrict further spread.

Admissions to the 2A medical/surgical unit have now returned to normal levels and additional visitor restrictions are no longer in place beyond the [COVID-19 Visiting Guidelines](#).

NHH reminds all visitors of the importance of routine infection prevention practices, particularly proper hand hygiene. Hand washing remains one of the single most important infection prevention and control practices to stop transmission of enteric illness and other infectious diseases both within the hospital environment and in the community. Frequent hand washing, particularly before and after patient contact, is mandatory and vital to reducing health care associated infections.

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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 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 and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East) – formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](#) or Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](#).

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