

NEWS RELEASE/PUBLIC NOTICE

Masking still required in all clinical and patient care areas, now optional in common areas and non-patient care areas

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, May 16, 2023—While mandatory masking is still required in all clinical and patient care areas at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH), effective Wednesday, May 17 masking is now a personal choice in common areas and non-patient care areas, such as: the Main Street Bistro, administration offices, and hallways outside of clinical spaces.

Planning to visit one of the following areas of NHH? Please remember masks are still required and provided:

Acute Care

- Emergency/Intensive Care
- 2A/B Medical/Surgical Inpatient
- Maternal Child Care
- Surgical Services

Post-Acute

- 1A/B Inpatient Rehabilitation/Restorative Care
- Palliative Care

Outpatient Care

- Ambulatory Care
- Cancer/Supportive Care/Dialysis
- Community Mental Health

Diagnostics

• Diagnostic Imaging/Women's Health

For more on mask and visitor requirements, see our recently updated NHH Visiting Guidelines section of nhh.ca.

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to our Public Affairs department at ext. 4009.

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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, cancer and supportive care, dialysis and 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 63,000 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 <u>nhh.ca</u> or follow us on Facebook @northumberlandhillshosp or Twitter @NorHillsHosp.

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