



# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

## NEWS RELEASE

### **NHH supporting Ontario ramp-down of elective surgeries and non-emergent/non-urgent acute care activities**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, April 9, 2021** – Effective **Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:01 AM**, Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will be postponing selected non-urgent procedures, including: elective surgeries, non-urgent Diagnostic Imaging procedures and non-urgent Ambulatory Care activities.

“The goal is to work together as a province to do all in our power to preserve our system’s overall critical care and human resource capacity in the face of rising COVID-19 case counts and community transmission,” Linda Davis, NHH President and CEO.

The NHH Emergency Department will continue to operate as normal, including the NHH COVID-19 Assessment Centre, and all urgent care will continue to be provided. There will be no impact to patients who are currently admitted to hospital.

NHH staff are now in the process of placing calls to elective/non-urgent patients and families impacted by the ramp-down. These calls will continue in the coming days. If you do not receive a call, please assume your procedure or service will continue as planned.

NHH is not taking these steps alone but rather with all hospitals across the province on direction received last evening (April 8) from the provincial government.

“Thank you, as always, for your continued patience as we move forward together in these challenging times,” added Linda Davis. “Thank you, too, to our dedicated staff, physicians and midwives who continue to do their utmost to provide exceptional patient care.”

A return to regular services will be planned as soon as safely possible. Further details will follow as this situation unfolds.

“Continued vigilance with public health measures is critical,” urged Davis. “Please support our team in supporting you and your family by obeying the province’s emergency measures, maintaining physical distance from those outside your own household, wearing a mask when that is not possible, washing your hands frequently and receiving your vaccine when it is your turn to do so.”

For the latest information on COVID-19, including links to related resources, please see <https://nhh.ca/covid-19>

**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](http://www.nhh.ca) or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp) or Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandhillshosp)

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