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**Suspected norovirus outbreak now lifted at NHH**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013** – An outbreak of a suspected norovirus on the Restorative Care Unit at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) has been lifted.

The outbreak was identified January 31<sup>st</sup>. With no new cases reported in the last 48 hours, NHH's infection prevention and control practitioners confirmed with representatives from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit earlier today that patient-to-patient transmission had been successfully stopped.

Admissions to the unit have now resumed and surrounding health care facilities, including hospitals, retirement residences and long-term care homes, are being notified.

NHH reminds all visitors of the importance of routine infection prevention practices, particularly proper hand hygiene. Hand washing remains one of the most important infection prevention and control practices to stop transmission of gastrointestinal illness and other infectious diseases both within the hospital environment and in the community.

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**About Northumberland Hills Hospital** – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, and obstetrical care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care, rehabilitation and palliative care. 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 the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca).