



Ontario Health Team of Northumberland to host interactive COVID-19 Virtual Forum

Northumberland County, Ontario – Friday, May 8, 2020 – COVID-19 has brought unprecedented change to daily life in Northumberland County.

As the global pandemic continues to evolve, many have questions.

To help answer these, the [Ontario Health Team of Northumberland \(OHT-N\)](#)—a partnership of local patients, caregivers, health and social care agencies—will host an interactive virtual event.

What is the status of COVID-19 cases in Northumberland? How do I access COVID-19 assessment and testing? Can I book an appointment with my family physician? What practices are in place at long-term care homes to keep residents safe? What mental health supports are available to me? These questions and more will be addressed in a 60-minute COVID-19 Virtual Forum taking place on Wednesday, May 13.

Residents are invited to join five panelists from the OHT-N, who will open the Forum with a high level overview of local health and social care providers' response to the pandemic to date and the partnerships that have proven very valuable to minimize the impact of COVID-19 in Northumberland County. Participants will then be able to ask questions directly of the panelists as well as other OHT-N representatives, including public health, both County hospitals, primary care providers, paramedics, community care agencies, Alderville First Nation health and social services, long-term care providers and more.

“The OHT-N was one of 24 such partnerships formed across Ontario prior to COVID-19. Here in Northumberland it has proven to be an invaluable network to support a coordinated response and positive health outcomes,” said Linda Davis, spokesperson for the OHT-N and President and CEO of Northumberland Hills Hospital. “It will take all of us to successfully beat COVID-19 and we have been extremely grateful to have the relationships in place around the OHT-N table to support the work required. We look

forward to sharing information, answering questions and hearing from area residents about what more we can be doing, collectively, to help as we move forward together.”

Who: OHT-N panelists for the Virtual Forum will include:

- Hospital sector - Linda Davis, President & CEO, Northumberland Hills Hospital
- Public health - Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, Medical Officer of Health, HKPR District Health Unit
- Municipal services (including paramedics and long-term care) - Jennifer Moore, Chief Administrative Officer, Northumberland County
- Primary care sector - Wendy Parker, Executive Director, Lakeview Family Health Team
- Community care sector - Trish Baird, Executive Director, Community Care Northumberland

When: Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Residents can participate via telephone or by listening to the live stream online at the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland website:

Northumberland.ca/ohtnVirtualForum.

How: Pre-registration is required to join this event by phone. Visit Northumberland.ca/ohtnVirtualForum to sign-up or call 1-800-354-7050, ext. 2499 for assistance.

Why: Learn more about how local health care partners are working together to ensure safe practices are in place to minimize the spread of the virus in the County. Get answers to your COVID-19 questions from local public health, hospital, primary care, community care and municipal leaders.

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