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Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre moves to single site, five days per week service.

TRENT HILLS, May 25, 2020 — The Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre is now providing COVID-19 testing five days per week in Campbellford.

Responding to Ontario Health advisories to expand COVID-19 testing, the Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre is now open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday each week.

To book a COVID-19 test please call the Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre at 705-395-1801. Patients are no longer required to be referred to the Assessment Centre by a physician, nurse practitioner, nurse, walk-in/virtual clinic, Telehealth, or Public Health.

The Assessment Centre has moved to a fixed single site at the Rotary Hall Boardroom located at 179 Saskatoon Avenue, Campbellford.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Rotary Club of Campbellford for providing us with a physical site for the Assessment Centre and for donating face shields (PPE) to our front-line workers” said Executive Director Delayne Donald (Trent Hills Family Health Team). “We also want to thank Mayor Bob Crate, the Campbellford Legion, the Campbellford Presbyterian Church, Hastings Fieldhouse, and Warkworth & Campbellford Arenas for housing our mobile Assessment Centre for the past 2 months. We couldn’t have provided this essential service without this valuable assistance from the community.”

Testing is a top priority of the provincial response to COVID-19. The Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre encourages patients with typical or atypical symptoms of the virus *or* with no symptoms but with risk of COVID-19 (because of where they work or live) to call and book a test.

Typical symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever/chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, difficulty swallowing, loss of taste or smell, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and runny nose/nasal congestion (not explained by other reasons e.g. seasonal allergies).

Some people will have atypical symptoms of COVID-19, particularly children, seniors, and people living with developmental disabilities. Atypical symptoms include: unexplained fatigue, delirium (new confusion), unexplained or increased number of falls, new functional decline, worsening of chronic conditions, chills, headaches, croup, pink eye (conjunctivitis) and multisystem inflammatory vasculitis (children). Some people experience a decrease in blood pressure, rapid heartbeat (tachycardia), and some infants may have difficulty feeding.

People with no symptoms but a higher risk of COVID-19 include: health care workers, first responders, essential service/retail/grocery store workers, food processing plant workers, caregivers/community workers/day care workers, corrections workers, travelers and/or cross-border workers (e.g. truck drivers). People who live with high-risk workers are also considered to be at risk. People who live in group living situations such as senior’s residences, group homes, shelters or other institutions are at risk.

Anyone who has travelled to locations where there are COVID-19 cases may have been exposed to the virus. This includes locations within Ontario (e.g. Toronto & GTA) and other provinces (e.g. Quebec).

Patients who wish to complete an online COVID-19 self-assessment can visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.

The Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre continues to provide home-based testing to vulnerable patients who have reduced mobility. This includes residential settings, people living with disabilities, and patients with a palliative diagnosis. Any individual or group requiring a home-based test should call the Assessment Centre at 705-395-1801.

All COVID-19 test results are communicated by an Assessment Centre team member. Patients can also view their results online at <https://covid19results.ehealthontario.ca:4443/agree>

As of May 24, 2020, there are 25,904 cases of COVID-19 reported in the province of Ontario. 19,698 cases have resolved. 4,862 cases are reported in long-term care residents. There have been 2,102 COVID-19 deaths.

The Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre works with regional partners and government agencies to provide residents with access to local assessment and testing. The Assessment Centre is operated by the Trent Hills Family Health Team and Northumberland Paramedics in collaboration with the Northumberland Ontario Health Team network, Campbellford Memorial Hospital, the Campbellford Virtual Care Clinic, the Trent Hills Virtual Care Clinic, and MPP Northumberland-Peterborough South David Piccini.

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