

NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Trent Hills Family Health Team reporting 3 positive COVID-19 results.

TRENT HILLS, September 15, 2020 — The Trent Hills Family Health Team has received notification of three positive COVID tests results in the past 24 hours.

All 3 positive COVID results this week are reported in patients of the Trent Hills Family Health Team who live in the Trent Hills area. Two of the patients are in the 20-29-year age-group and one is in the 50-59-year age-group.

All patients have been contacted by the public health unit and instructed to self-quarantine in their homes. A public health contact tracing team has been assigned to investigate.

“We are asking anyone in Trent Hills who has had close contact with a person with confirmed or probable COVID to book a COVID test” says THFHT Infection Control Liaison, Nurse Practitioner Samantha Dalby.

“And anyone who has attended large social gatherings outside of their social pods, particularly those events where people did not wear masks or did not practice physical distancing, should consider getting tested” says NP Dalby.

The Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre provides COVID-19 testing Monday to Thursday between 9 am to 5 pm. **Appointments are required. To book a COVID-19 test call the Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre at 705-395-1801.**

The Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre is located at Campbellford Memorial Hospital on the basement level in the former paramedic bay and offices. Access to the Assessment Centre is via the Isabella Street parking lot and is a drive-through/drive-up centre. All visitors to the Assessment Centre are to drive up and remain in their cars. Assessment Centre staff will provide assessment and testing with all patients remaining in their vehicles. If you do not have a car, arrange with staff when booking to walk up.

Patients who have symptoms of COVID 19 when the Trent Hills COVID-19 Assessment Centre is closed can complete an online COVID-19 self-assessment at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> or locate another COVID 19 Assessment Centre at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-assessment-centres>.

For local updates on COVID-19, visit the HKPR District Health Unit web site at hkpr.on.ca. A current list of COVID-19 symptoms can be viewed at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread>

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).

Atypical symptoms of COVID-19 include: unexplained fatigue, new confusion, unexplained or increased number of falls, new functional decline, worsening of chronic conditions, chills, headaches, croup, pink eye, and multisystem inflammatory vasculitis and rashes (children). Some people experience a decrease in blood pressure, rapid heartbeat, 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). Community transmission of COVID-19 is now documented in Ontario.

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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