



**For immediate release: March 20, 2020**

**For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact:**

Carolyn Plummer  
President &  
Chief Executive Officer  
Haliburton Highlands  
Health Services  
[cplummer@hhhs.ca](mailto:cplummer@hhhs.ca)  
705-457-2527

\*\*\*\*\*

**HHHS wants you to know what to do...**

**If you think you have COVID-19 symptoms:**

1. Complete the COVID-19 Self-Assessment at [Ontario.ca/coronavirus](https://ontario.ca/coronavirus)
2. If indicated by the self-assessment results, contact Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000, the HKPR District Health Unit ([www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca)) at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5020, or your primary care provider.
3. **If symptoms are severe, please call 911 and alert the dispatcher to your travel history and symptoms.**
4. If you have symptoms, before visiting any healthcare facility, call ahead, let them know about travel history and symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, difficulty breathing) so that they can make special arrangements to see you quickly and ensure that they use proper infection control measures.

Telehealth or HKPR District Health Unit may refer you to a local assessment centre in Lindsay and Peterborough. These assessment centres are **by appointment only** and require a referral from Telehealth, Public Health or another Health Care Provider.

The Ross Memorial Hospital has opened a COVID-19 Assessment Centre off-site at the Lindsay Exhibition Grounds. The Assessment Centre can be reached at 705-328-6217. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8a.m.-4p.m.

The Peterborough Regional Health Centre COVID-19 Assessment Centre is currently located within a dedicated area of the hospital's Emergency Department. The Assessment Centre will be moved to a mobile unit outside of the main hospital on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Testing at COVID-19 Assessment Centres will be administered according to the Ministry of Health Guidelines based on the results of the assessment. It is important for the public to know that not everyone will be tested.

Local health service partners continue to build testing capacity locally and will provide more information as soon as it becomes available.

**About Haliburton Highlands Health Services*****Leaders in Innovative Rural Health Care***

*Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services including: Primary Care, Hospital (Acute Inpatient and Emergency Care) Long-Term Care, End-of-Life Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services and Community Support Services.*

**About Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation**

*The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is an incorporated registered Canadian charity that financially supports the hospitals and health care facilities in Haliburton County, for capital projects, equipment, education programs and community support services. The money is raised through personal, business & corporate donations, special events, promotions, annual giving and the special gift program. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who dedicate their time and expertise to have better health care and hospital facilities. The Foundation does not provide funds for the operation of the facilities.*