



Weekly Community Update

Week of April 17, 2020

Dear friends and neighbours of Haliburton County,

This past week, while there was no major announcement or changes to share with you, HHHS continued to work hard on our preparations to address COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 needs in our community.

Our new 15 acute care beds (in addition to our original 15 beds) are operational and ready to accept patients. We have begun to use our two sites in Minden and Haliburton in a new way to try to keep COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 needs separated as much as possible. We are implementing further measures to separate both Long-Term Cares facilities (Highland Wood and Hyland Crest) from the hospitals, and better protect the health and safety of our residents. And we are doing everything possible to protect and maintain the health and safety of our staff team, so that they can continue providing the best care possible to patients, residents, and clients.

How You Can Help

At HHHS, we are so grateful to everyone in our community for all the ways you are stepping up, looking out for one another, and putting health and safety at the forefront of your daily lives. If you have the ability to do more, here are a few ways you can help:

1. **Volunteer with the HHHS Community Response Team** to help deliver groceries or offer friendly visiting by phone. Contact HHHS Community Support Services at 705-457-2941 or infocc@hhhs.ca for more information.
2. If you are a sewer and have some materials to spare, SIRCH Community Services is helping to coordinate the creation of fabric face masks. Visit www.sirch.on.ca and look for “**Can You Sew? Sewing for a Great Cause**” under the ‘News’ section for more information.
3. **Show our Haliburton Highlands front-line workers** that you care by sending them a message through our HaliburtonCares.ca website. Visit the ‘How You Can Help’ section, and scroll to the end to submit your message through our online form.

Stay Informed

Here in Haliburton County, we are blessed to have excellent local media outlets who are working diligently to keep you informed about the changes that are happening in our community. I know these outlets and their staff are also working long hours, in stressful conditions, to deliver this important community service, and I want to thank them for these efforts. We are also keeping www.HaliburtonCares.ca up-to-date with new information about supports from local service providers, different levels of government (including emergency financial assistance), and more, so please be sure to visit it often.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carolyn Plummer'.

Carolyn Plummer
President & CEO