

Weekly Community Update

Week of May 8, 2020

Dear friends and neighbours of Haliburton County,

This week, we have a few short updates for you on our on-going COVID-19 response at HHHS.

Surveillance Testing of Residents and Staff

As I mentioned last week, we completed testing of all Long-Term Care residents and staff members for COVID-19. While the majority of tests have come back negative, we are still waiting on a few remaining test results to be delivered. Once we have this information, we will share it with residents, families, and staff first, and then we will share it with the media and you.

HHHS also decided to go one step further, and conduct testing of all remaining staff this week in order to ensure we had a complete picture of the situation at our facilities, which will help inform any redeployment of staff if it is necessary. This will also help us ensure we can best protect our staff, residents, patients, and the community from any further spread of the virus. Similar to our testing in the Long-Term Care setting, we will look at these results as one 'picture in time' of our current status and will continue to work diligently at our infection control and prevention measures. As well, once we have these results, they will be shared with staff first, then the media and the public.

Additional Funding for Meals on Wheels

This past week, we were pleased to receive Emergency Relief Funding through the Ontario Community Support Program to support our Meals on Wheels program, which operates out of HHHS – Community Support Services. If you know of anyone in the community who is struggling to access food, please have them reach the Community Support Services Response Team by phone at 705-457-2941 or by text at 705-457-0016 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM), or by email at info@hhhs.ca anytime. There is also a list of other local low-cost and free food supports available on haliburtoncares.ca, and I want to express my sincere thanks to all our local food banks and partners such as SIRCH for their work to ensure there is food on the table for residents of Haliburton County.

Nursing Week

Next week, from May 11 – 17, HHHS will join health care providers and many others across Canada to celebrate National Nursing Week. The World Health Organization (WHO) has also declared 2020 to be the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, in honour of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. If you would like to send a message of support to our excellent team of nurses, health care professionals, and important support and administrative staff, please visit haliburtoncares.ca and look for the "Show Front-Line Workers You Care" form.

Take care,



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