GERALDTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

COVID-19 UPDATE

April 27th , 2020

One (1) confirmed case has been resolved of COVID-19 in the Municipality of Greenstone as of April 23, 2020 .

There are no new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Municipality of Greenstone as of April 27, 2020.

More information can be found at https://www.tbdhu.com/coronavirus

FACILITY RESTRICTIONS

If you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, do not enter the facility. Call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 or the Thunder Bay District Health Unit at 1-888-294-6630.

A primary Triage Assessment Centre, operated by the Geraldton District Hospital is now open at the Northern Horizon Health Center adjacent to the hospital.

All patients requiring medical assistance are asked to please report to the Centre where you will be screened and depending on your screening results will be registered and Triaged prior to being assessed by the Physician on site. If further work up is required by the physician you may be sent to the Emergency Department. The purpose of the off-site Triage is to decompress the Emergency Room of the GDH and prevent unnecessary risk to the patients.

If you fail the screening, you may be asked to put on a mask and return to your vehicle to await assessment by a Physician. The Physician will determine based on pre-set criteria whether or not you require testing for COVID-19.

The clinic will operate daily Monday to Friday from 08:00am to 04:00pm. During off hours, please report to the Emergency Department to be assessed.

NAKINA MEDICAL CLINIC

In order to protect our clients and staff and as recommended by the Ministry of Health, all primary care appointments will be scheduled and conducted by phone. Your provider may determine they need to see you in person and schedule a follow up appointment.

Please note clinic hours are from Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

VISITORS

NO VISITORS will be permitted in the facility except for the following circumstances:

- Visitors of patients who are within 3 days of end of life
- Parents or guardians of an ill child under the age of 16

OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Outpatient services will be limited as follows:

- **Telemedicine** – operating normally, patients will be escorted through the facili Emergency to the OTN room
- **Imaging / Lab** – operating normally
- **Nutrition** – telephone consultations only
- **Rehabilitation** – no non-essential outpatient services

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HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Maintain extreme vigilance
- Reconsider non-essential travel outside of the Greenstone area
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home if you are sick
- Practice social distancing of 2m (6 feet)