### **GERALDTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

## COVID-19 UPDATE

April 30th, 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 30, 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:** The Emergency Department triage area formally known as the Assessment Centre, operated by the Geraldton District Hospital will now be located on the top floor of the hospital (main lobby) as of April 30, 2020

All patients requiring medical assistance are asked to please report to the Emergency Department triage area located on the top floor of the hospital where you will be screened and depending on your screening results may be registered and Triaged prior to being assessed by the Physician on site. The purpose of the off-site Triage is to decompress the Emergency Room of the GDH and prevent unnecessary risk to the patients and staff.

You will be screened and asked to put on a mask upon entrance. You will then be Triaged by a Nurse who will determine whether you require further work up in the Emergency Department or whether you will remain upstairs to be seen by the Physician. The Physician will determine based on pre-set criteria whether or not you require testing for COVID-19.

The triage area will operate 7 days a week from o8:00am to 08:00pm. During off hours, please report to the Emergency Department to be assessed.

We appreciate your patience and co-operation during this time.

#### **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:

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  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)

