



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

Memorandum

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To: Hospital Partners

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Subject: **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Regional Surge Planning**

Dear Hospital Partners,

As COVID-19 continues to circulate worldwide, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) understands the need for a regional plan to support patient care. In consultation with Pembroke Regional Hospital (PRH), a regional plan for admission of patients of COVID-19 has been developed.

The Ministry of Health is recommending airborne isolation rooms for aerosol generating medical procedures, as well there must be a way to validate the negative pressure daily. Considering these recommendations and based on the capacity of the local hospitals it was decided that PRH is the most appropriate local hospital that would have the capacity to meet these conditions on an inpatient unit and meet the quality control recommendations.

Currently, the capacity of PRH to admit on their inpatient units would be 8 patients and surge capacity could be an additional 5 patients depending on clinical needs.

The process to admit a patient to PRH will include consultation with RCDHU to ensure that the patient meets the criteria of person under investigation for COVID-19. Once this has been established RCDHU will work with PRH to ensure appropriate transfer of patient. Patient transfers will be facilitated as timely as possible but RCDHU will be working with PRH to ensure

that their inpatient unit is ready for patient arrival before proceeding with transfer. The capacity to admit patients would be based on patient needs.

Please see the attached algorithm of transfer process.

There are **no case** in Renfrew County and District.

Please contact RCDHU at 613-735-8654, extension 577, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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