



First Confirmed Case of Novel Coronavirus in Oxford County

Woodstock Hospital has been actively monitoring and preparing for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and assessed a confirmed case of the virus, the first in Oxford County.

On March 19, 2020, a male in his 30s presented at the Woodstock Hospital Emergency Department exhibiting symptoms. Emergency Department staff immediately implemented enhanced Infection Prevention and Control protocols and the patient was placed in isolation. Testing was conducted and today the diagnosis of COVID-19 was confirmed.

“Our Emergency Department staff followed the appropriate precautionary measures when caring for this individual. Infection Prevention and Control has been providing ongoing staff education and training to prepare for a COVID-19 case,” said Kim Hobbs, Director of Infection Prevention and Control at Woodstock Hospital.

“I want to thank our front-line staff, along with Southwestern Public Health for the effective response to ensure the patient was safely and appropriately cared for,” said Perry Lang, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO. “We have all been monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it evolves globally. The Infection Prevention and Control team have worked hard to ensure the hospital is prepared and following proper precautions and protocols.”

The patient is currently in self-isolation at home. Southwestern Public Health is investigating and following up with close contacts of the individual. For more information visit Southwestern Public Health online at www.swpublichealth.ca.

For more information on the hospital’s measures in relation to COVID-19, visit www.wgh.on.ca.

About Woodstock Hospital

Built in November 2011, Woodstock Hospital is a 178 bed, full-service community hospital, providing primary care to a population of 55,000 and specialized care to nearly 110,000 within the County of Oxford. The new facility offers a wide range of health programs including Maternal Child, Women’s Health, Specialized Surgical Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services, Dialysis and Rehabilitation Programs, a Systemic Therapy Program and an MRI. Our full service facility works closely with our community partners to provide our patients with healthcare services, close to home.

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