



# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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### Parking fees to be reinstated in hospital lots on July 6th, 2020

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020**—Effective Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, parking fees will be reinstated in all Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) parking lots for members of the public, staff and physicians.

NHH temporarily paused paid parking at 1000 DePalma Drive as part of its COVID-19 response.

“Earlier this month, with provincial approval, we began to gradually resume elective services. We will soon be resuming normal parking operations as well,” said Abhi Mukherjee, NHH’s Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer. “The net revenue generated by parking (an average of approximately \$750,000 per annum in recent years) is applied directly to patient care. NHH, like many hospitals in the province, has absorbed the temporary loss of this revenue in recent months, but it is not something we are able to sustain on a go-forward basis without impacting services.”

NHH will return to using its gated parking system in all three lots on the hospital property (the main front entrance, the Emergency Department and staff lot, respectively). Parking rates will remain the same as they were before the temporary free parking measure. For hourly rate and other parking information, including discount pass options, please [click here](#), or call the NHH Finance Office directly at 905-372-6811, ext. 4042.

Heightened cleaning practices will be in place at and around the interior parking payment kiosks at the main and Emergency Department entrances. All those entering the hospital are reminded to clean their hands upon entrance and throughout their stay, including before and after using the parking kiosks. Physical distancing must also be practiced while at the parking kiosks.

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**About Northumberland Hills Hospital** – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents,

west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East) – formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca) or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).

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