

HURON PERTH HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE

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Influenza Outbreak Continues at Stratford General Hospital

The influenza outbreak which was announced on February 13, 2018 at the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) – Stratford General Hospital site continues.

The outbreak has affected the Medicine / Integrated Stroke Unit and the unit is closed to admissions.

Visitors are still welcome and are asked to follow any posted instructions and to limit their interaction to one patient per visit. Those visiting infected patients will be required to wear a mask, gloves and gown and must discard these before leaving the patient's room. Visitors should also use the hand sanitizer provided to wash their hands when they enter and leave the hospital and upon entering and leaving the patient's room.

Visitors are also reminded that if they aren't feeling well, they should postpone their visit for at least 72 hours after symptoms clear.

"If you are sick we are urging you to reconsider visiting any patients in any areas of our hospitals at this time, unless it is for compassionate or palliative reasons," says Andrew Williams, President and CEO. "Staying home will help stop the spread of the flu to people who may be more susceptible to complications."

The flu shot is the best protection against the flu and is still available through family doctors (for all ages) and select pharmacies (for people aged five and over).

HPHA will continue to update the public, as our information changes or more becomes available.

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