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PERTH COUNTY PARAMEDICS LAUNCH COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Perth County Paramedic Services has launched a new program in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Paramedic Community Outreach Program is aimed at bringing supportive care to patients with complex medical needs in their homes and in community settings when otherwise these individuals may not be able to access traditional health care supports or coronavirus assessment centres.

This mobile healthcare resource is focused on providing advanced assessment for individuals referred to the team who might benefit from treatment and referral to palliative supports and for those that require testing for the novel coronavirus by bringing the testing centre to them.

The primary purpose of this program is to complement the existing health care resources in our community and to assist with the challenges created by the current pandemic. Perth County Paramedics strive to provide community-based health solutions for residents of Perth County. The vision is to enhance patient care and the overall patient experience for pre-determined vulnerable patient populations that requires additional care and support to keep them at home or in the community.

To prepare for this program, six paramedics recently completed a custom training program related to COVID-19 testing procedures and Palliative Care within the Community in collaboration with the Huron Perth Public Health Unit and the South West Palliative Care Network.

To date the team has performed approximately 200 COVID-19 tests in our Long-Term Care facilities, Early Years Centres and for isolated vulnerable patients within the community.

Stay up to date on COVID-19 updates by visiting the Huron Perth Public Health Unit website:
www.hpph.ca/en/index.aspx

Learn how to practice proper hygiene protocols outlined by the Provincial Medical Officer of Health by visiting the Province of Ontario website: www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus

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