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April 5, 2003



Message to Our Community

Update on SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) at Markham Stouffville Hospital

On behalf of the Board, Staff and Physicians of Markham Stouffville Hospital, I would like to thank our community for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

As directed by the Province and York Region Health Services, our restrictions on visitors to the Hospital will continue until further notice. In addition, all elective procedures and ambulatory clinics will remain closed except for some select clinics. Our Emergency department remains open.

If you have any questions, please contact the hospital telephone number at 905-472-7000.

All staff and physicians at the Hospital have been using required precautions to minimize their exposure to SARS since March 27th. As a result, with a few exceptions, our staff, physicians and families are not required to be under quarantine.

This means our physicians, staff, and their families are not at risk to the general public.

You can call Ontario's Health Infoline at 1-888-668-4636 for more information about SARS. Call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 if you have symptoms. You can also get yourself checked out at one of four SARS assessment clinics located in Toronto, York Region, Oshawa, and Etobicoke.

The York Region SARS Assessment Clinic is located at 6824 Highway #7, East of 9th Line in Markham. It is open 7 days a week from 8:00 am - 11:00pm.

We continue to work with York Region Health Services and the Provincial Government and will provide you with updates as information becomes available.

In addition, the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation will continue to host the Hospital Gala on April 12th at the Hilton Suites. For information on the Gala, please contact the Foundation office at 905-472-7059.



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