



Lakeridge Health Designated by Province to Host Hospital LHIN Ventilator Stockpile

(Durham) Doug Allingham, Chair of the Lakeridge Health Board of Trustees, is pleased to announce that Lakeridge Health Oshawa has been designated by the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care (MOHLTC) to be the "Host Hospital" site for the Central East Local Health Integration Network's (LHIN) Provincial Ventilator Stockpile.

"We are honoured to have been selected as the host hospital in our LHIN. This is a considerable responsibility as this equipment will play a vital role in ensuring that hospitals within the Central East LHIN have the equipment to respond quickly and effectively to unexpected increases in critical care patient volumes," Mr. Allingham explained.

Thirteen (13) ventilators are being stored at Lakeridge Health Oshawa for situations like pandemic or other surges in ventilated patients across the LHIN. "Our staff is responsible for the distribution of these ventilators when the Central East LHIN's Moderate Critical Care Surge Response Plan is triggered," explained Linda Calhoun, Director of Emergency and Critical Care Services at Lakeridge Health. "This state-of-the-art equipment has the capability to ventilate newborns, paediatric patients and adults", she added.

All Central East LHIN hospitals are members of a LHIN-wide System Surge Management Committee. The Central East LHIN Moderate Critical Care Surge Response Plan is activated when an increase in demand for critical care services goes beyond the capacity of individual hospitals and impacts an entire LHIN.

"The goal of our shared response plan is to ensure all CE LHIN hospitals are prepared to meet the demands for surges in critical care activity which allow our communities to receive the specialized care they require as close to home as possible," said Dr. Howard Clasky, Critical Care Lead, Central East LHIN. "Critical care centres throughout the LHIN will now be able to access these vital resources on a timely basis."

"This designation is yet another testament to our excellent critical care team, respiratory therapist professionals, and our capable and skilled biomedical engineering team who maintain this complex equipment," said Kevin Empey, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health. "Ventilators are our life support – these machines breathe new life into our ability to provide care for our patients when they need it the most," he added.

In total 216 ventilators have been allocated to 16 hospitals across the Province based on requirements relating to capacity, location, and services provided.

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Backgrounder

Host Hospitals by LHIN:

LHIN	HOST HOSPITAL
Central West	William Osler Health Centre
Toronto Central	University Health Network Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre St. Michael's Hospital
North Simcoe Muskoka	The Royal Victoria Hospital of Barrie
North West	Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre
North East	Sudbury Regional Hospital – Laurentian Site
Central	North York General Hospital
Champlain	The Ottawa Hospital
Central East	Lakeridge Health
Erie St.Clair	Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital
Waterloo Wellington	Grand River Hospital
South East	Kingston General Hospital
HNHB	Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation – General Site
Mississauga Halton	Milton District Hospital
South West	London Health Sciences Centre

The Ventilators:

Each ventilator provides the capability to ventilate newborns, paediatrics and adults and provides basic and advanced modes such as Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV).



8 Units received of the
PB 840 (Tyco Healthcare)



5 Units received of the
Evita XL (Drager Medical)