

**NEWS RELEASE/PUBLIC NOTICE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Virtual care now available for Northumberland patients without a family doctor**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Sunday, March 22, 2020** – a new website has launched in Northumberland County to ensure our community knows the best way to get in touch with their family doctor, and for those without a family doctor to get the care they need.

With the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommendation that we all employ social distancing, most family doctors are working virtually: talking with their patients over the phone or through video conference. Several local doctors will also be available during specific times to consult individuals who do *not* have a family doctor, serving as a virtual walk-in clinic.

For those *with* a family doctor, individuals in Northumberland can use **[northumberlandcare.com](http://northumberlandcare.com)** to find the best way to reach their family doctor during this time.

For those *without* a family doctor, **[northumberlandcare.com](http://northumberlandcare.com)** can be used to see the next available family doctor and how to contact their office during the specified times. It is anticipated that a doctor will be available for 3 hours a day, 6 days a week.

Northumberland Care is a collaboration between the family doctors of Brighton, Campbellford, Cobourg, Colborne, Hastings, Port Hope, and Warkworth, Ontario Health Team - Northumberland, Northumberland Hills Hospital, and the Port Hope Walk In Clinic.

**Media Contact: Dr. Kate Everdell, Family Physician,**  
**[kate.everdell@dreverdell.ca](mailto:kate.everdell@dreverdell.ca)**

**- END -**