



# HORNEPAYNE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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## **Please note,**

In light of the fact that the World Health Organization has declared an international pandemic due to the Coronavirus, the Hornepayne Community Hospital is implementing some immediate measures to promote the recommended social distancing.

The outpatient clinic is closed to walk in patients and only those who have medical emergencies will be seen immediately. Requests for non-urgent visits will be handled on a case by case basis but wherever possible, face to face visits will be avoided.

We will no longer be issuing sick notes for your employees. If someone is ill with a common cold or other viral illness, we are advising them to stay home, take symptomatic treatment and isolate themselves to prevent spread of all contagious illnesses. We encourage anyone with a high fever, shortness of breath, extreme weakness or chest pain to proceed to the emergency department for assessment.

We urge everyone to follow strict hygiene practises. It is advised to stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from other people. If you cough, cover your cough with a tissue (and throw it away) or your elbow. Avoid touching any surfaces used by others and frequently wash hands with hand sanitizer or soap and water, especially when out in public.

These simple measures can go a long way to protect vulnerable people who could become very ill or even die from the effects of the Coronavirus.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the hospital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manuela Joannou".

Manuela Joannou M.D CCFP(EM) FCFP