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RVH opens a COVID-19 Assessment Centre

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has opened a new COVID-19 Assessment Centre to ensure residents in the region have timely access to care.

The COVID-19 Assessment Centre, located at 29 Sperling Drive, includes the current COVID-19 Testing Clinic as well as a new COVID-19, Cold and Flu Clinic. Here, patients with moderate symptoms common to COVID-19, the flu or a cold will be assessed by a physician.

As the winter months approach, the COVID-19 Test Clinic will transition from drive-thru to indoor appointments. People arriving for their pre-booked appointment will be asked to park their vehicles and come inside the facility for their test. RVH will continue to accommodate some patients (i.e. mobility concerns, pre-op orthopedic patients, families with very young children, etc.) in a drive-thru environment if required.

To improve the COVID-19 testing process, RVH launched new technology that enables staff to use a hand-held device to quickly scan health cards or drivers' license to more efficiently and accurately register patients.

“This is really exciting news for both our staff and patients presenting to our testing clinics,” says Stella Johnson, operations director, Emergency department, Intensive Care Unit and COVID-19 Clinics. “RVH is testing more than 400 patients each day and as demand continues to grow, this new technology makes our testing process easier and quicker for our staff as well as provide more reliable results online for patients who are checking their own results.”

These hand-held devices are now used at both the Barrie Testing Clinic and the Innisfil Testing Clinic (located at the Rizzardo Health & Wellness Centre).

Starting Monday, November 30, the COVID-19, Cold and Flu Clinic will operate daily from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Appointments are required and can be booked by calling 705-797-3120, option 4.

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