

For Immediate Release:**August 18, 2022****COVID-19 Clinical Assessment Centre moving to Victoria Hospital**

(London, Ontario) – As of next Monday, August 22, the COVID-19 Clinical Assessment Centre, currently located at Carling Heights Optimist Community Centre, will move to Victoria Hospital.

Established at the start of the pandemic, the Carling Heights COVID-19 Clinical Assessment Centre has been a staple in the community's COVID response efforts, providing services to more than 228,000 people over the last 886 days. For more than two years, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) staff and over 40 return retirees provided testing and education to Londoners in an effort to limit the spread of the virus and keep the community safe.

“The Carling Heights Centre allowed us to successfully manage high volumes of testing throughout the pandemic,” said Kim Planques, Director COVID-19 Assessment Centre. “I know occupying this space was not a small ask, but it played such an important role in keeping this community safe. I am incredibly grateful for the support we received from our community partners and the residents of Carling Heights. Your patience and understanding as we continued to meet the health care needs of London was truly appreciated.”

With updated provincial testing guidelines, the centre currently accommodates approximately 60 patients a day in comparison to 600 during peak waves. With fewer patients, the Assessment Centre will now move to a smaller location,

accommodating testing for both LHSC staff and patients. As of Monday, the COVID-19 Clinical Assessment Centre will be located at [Victoria Hospital, Building 24](#). It will be open seven days a week, from 9:20 a.m. to 6:40 p.m. and appointments must be booked online.

About London Health Sciences Centre

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