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South Georgian Bay COVID-19, Cold, Flu and Respiratory Care Clinic Appointments Now Available

South Georgian Bay – With increasing respiratory illness in our region, the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team (SGB OHT) is opening the South Georgian Bay COVID-19, Cold, Flu and Respiratory Care Clinic starting on December 2nd, 2022. The clinic provides assessment and care, by appointment, for people experiencing COVID-19, cold, flu or other respiratory symptoms and helps offset pressures facing the hospital emergency department. The clinic is an initiative that supports the shared purpose of the SGB OHT to keep residents in the South Georgian Bay community safe and was made possible thanks to the longstanding and trusting relationships of health care and social service partners across the community.

“The COVID-19, Cold, Flu and Respiratory Care Clinic offers quick and safe access to care,” says Dr. Harry O’Halloran, Lead Physician Georgian Bay Family Health Organization, Co-Chair South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team. “Right now, we are experiencing a lot of respiratory illness in our community, and we want to ensure that anyone experiencing COVID-19, cold or flu symptoms who feel they need to see a doctor or nurse practitioner will be able to do that quickly and easily. We’ll continue to work collaboratively with local family docs, nurse practitioners and our emergency room colleagues to respond to our community’s health needs.”

As part of this collaborative effort to keep the community safe during COVID-19 and to help reduce the burden on our local emergency room, OHT Partners including emergency room and primary care physicians and nurse practitioners are supporting the clinic’s operations.

Appointments to the clinic are available beginning on December 2nd, 2022 and can be booked on the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team website <https://southgeorgianbayoht.ca/covid-19-cold-and-flu-and-respiratory-care-clinic/> by contacting your family physician, or dialing 2-1-1 (24/7 bilingual helpline) for assistance with booking an online appointment. Bookings for the COVID-19, Cold, Flu and Respiratory Care Clinic are available up to seven days in advance.

COVID-19 testing, and vaccine information can also be found on the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team website here: www.southgeorgianbayoht.ca

About the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team (SGB OHT)

The SGB OHT is a new model of organizing and delivering health care that better connects patients and providers in their communities to improve patient outcomes. We are comprised of eleven anchor partners and a strong network of supporting community organizations. SGB OHT members collaborate with patients, families, caregivers and the community to co-design the best possible care for our region. To learn more about SGB OHT or get involved please visit www.southgeorgianbayoht.ca or follow us on Facebook [@SGBOHT](https://www.facebook.com/SGBOHT) and Twitter [@SGBOHT](https://twitter.com/SGBOHT)

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