

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Osler opens drive-thru COVID-19 Assessment Centre at South Fletcher's Sportsplex to increase safe and convenient testing in the community**

***Brampton Drive-Thru COVID-19 Assessment Centre will open June 16, replacing Peel Memorial location***

*June 10, 2020, BRAMPTON* – William Osler Health System (Osler) is opening a 'Brampton COVID-19 Assessment Centre' – a drive-thru model – that will better serve the people of Brampton and the surrounding community with expanded options for COVID-19 assessment and testing.

The Centre will move from its current location at Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness to South Fletcher's Sportsplex, where it will serve as a drive-thru testing site. Osler's new COVID-19 Assessment Centre is an initiative undertaken in partnership with the City of Brampton, which operates the South Fletcher's Sportsplex facility and grounds.

The Brampton Drive-Thru COVID-19 Assessment Centre will be located in the north parking lot of the South Fletcher's Sportsplex, which is located at McLaughlin Road and Ray Lawson Blvd.

It will open on Tuesday, June 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with regular hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week, to begin the following day.

"Increased testing is critically important as Brampton and Peel Region continue to be challenged by higher numbers of COVID-19 cases," said Dr. Naveed Mohammad, President and CEO, William Osler Health System. "Osler is very pleased to be working with the City of Brampton to make testing more convenient, and to be part of the collective solution as we continue to focus on keeping the community safe and well."

The Brampton COVID-19 Assessment Centre will provide assessment and testing to people in the community, along with direction regarding next steps in their care. The drive-thru model allows for safe, confidential and convenient access for people, who can be tested from the comfort and safety of their vehicle.

No referral is needed, and family physicians and community-based specialists can confidently refer patients to the Assessment Centre.

"I am pleased that the City of Brampton was able to allow William Osler to set up a drive-thru testing facility at South Fletcher's Recreation Centre," said Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton. "This new location will be able to test more residents for COVID-19. I am very appreciative of the efforts of the staff at William Osler as we work collaboratively together for the health and safety of our community."

The Peel Memorial testing location will close at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, and re-open at South Fletcher's Sportsplex at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16.

**ABOUT WILLIAM OSLER HEALTH SYSTEM and FOUNDATION:** William Osler Health System is a hospital system, which includes Brampton Civic Hospital, Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness and Etobicoke General Hospital, and serves 1.3 million residents of Brampton, Etobicoke and surrounding communities within the Central West region. Osler's emergency departments are among the busiest in Canada and its labour and delivery program is one of the largest in the province. William Osler Health System Foundation seeks to create a healthier community through giving by inspiring its communities to invest in exceptional health care close to home.

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**Photo:** William Osler Health System will open a drive-thru COVID-19 Assessment Centre at South Fletcher's Sportsplex on June 16. That Assessment Centre is modelled after the organization's drive-thru Assessment Centre in Etobicoke.



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