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A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR BETTER HEALTH

Almonte General Hospital and Fairview Manor are committed to a healthy, safe and comfortable environment for our patients, residents, visitors and staff. As such, smoking by patients, new residents, staff and visitors is now prohibited anywhere on hospital grounds, including the nursing home.

The smoking ban extends to the parking lots and includes smoking inside a vehicle. Electronic cigarettes are also subject to this ban. The only exception is that existing Fairview Manor residents will be allowed to smoke in a designated smoking area.

“As a health care institution, we want to promote a healthy lifestyle and reduce the amount of second hand smoke for everyone that comes to Almonte General Hospital and Fairview Manor,” notes Randy Shaw, Vice President, Corporate Support Services. “We hope that everyone will help us achieve this goal.”

As part of the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*, Health Unit Enforcement Officers conduct inspections on hospital grounds, in hospital parking lots and around the adjacent daycare. They have the authority to issue warnings and fines.

The organization is committed to supporting patients, residents and staff members who wish to stop smoking. Patients and residents should speak to their health care provider for more information. Smoking cessation programs are also available for staff.

Anyone with questions about the new policy is asked to contact Randy Shaw, Vice President, Corporate Support Services at 613-256-2514 ext. 2264 or rshaw@agh-fvm.com

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