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Hotel Dieu Hospital cancels surgeries on Tuesday, Aug. 2 as result of flood damage

(Kingston, ON) Hotel Dieu Hospital has cancelled all surgeries scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 in response to flooding that occurred in the hospital during intense downpours in Kingston today.

While hospital Operating Rooms and surgical equipment escaped any damage, corridors and ceilings adjacent to the ORs did sustain water damage. All activity was halted in the ORs at 1 pm today and 12 surgeries scheduled for the afternoon were cancelled.

Over the weekend, staff will be deep cleaning the OR area, monitoring humidity levels and fully checking all systems prior to resumption of surgeries on Wednesday.

Flooding also occurred in the hospital's Detox Centre, located at 240 Brock Street. Until further notice, the Centre will not be accepting new admissions. However, group meetings (e.g., AA) will continue as scheduled at the Detox Centre over the weekend.

"Our first priority is the safety of our patients, visitors and staff," says Acting Chief of Staff Dr. Paul Belliveau. "We will be working very hard over the weekend to resolve the damage caused by the unusual flooding and we anticipate being ready to re-open our ORs on Wednesday."

Hotel Dieu Hospital is the ambulatory care teaching and research hospital for Kingston and Southeastern Ontario, affiliated with Queen's University. We provide expert care to more than 500,000 people in the region through specialized programs including pediatrics, medicine, cardiology, surgery, mental health, oncology and urgent care. We deliver quality, safe health care, while advancing innovative research and educating the health care professionals of the future. Leading the transformation of ambulatory care

L'Hôpital Hôtel-Dieu est l'établissement de soins ambulatoires universitaire pour Kingston et le Sud-Est de l'Ontario affilié à l'Université Queen's. Il fournit des soins spécialisés à plus de 500 000 personnes de la région. Parmi ses services spécialisés, mentionnons les services de pédiatrie, de médecine, de cardiologie, de chirurgies, de santé mentale, d'oncologie et de soins d'urgence. L'hôpital fournit des services de soins de santé sûrs et de qualité tout en menant des recherches novatrices et en formant les professionnels de la santé de demain. Chef de file pour la transformation des soins ambulatoires

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