



## **NGH asking Friday the 13th attendees to follow all public health measures to avoid the spread of COVID-19**

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 - With a large crowd expected for the Friday the 13th bike rally in Port Dover, Norfolk General Hospital (NGH) is asking anyone attending the event to please follow all Public Health measures to avoid the risk of becoming a spreader of the virus.

Currently, COVID-19 case numbers are increasing across the province. It is critical to know that nearly all new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are among unvaccinated individuals.

A large gathering like the Friday the 13th bike rally could pose a significant risk of transmission.

We know that several people remain unvaccinated. We are concerned that someone attending the event could unknowingly be carrying some of the variants into our community. Due to the nature of the Delta variant, we know a high percentage of high-risk contacts will become cases.

Now is not the time to become complacent. We have managed relatively well through the pandemic to date because of our collective and individual adherence to Public Health guidelines. The virus won't get tired, and we must double down on our efforts to prevent it from spreading.

The best advice we can give to those attending is to wear a mask, avoid close contact with anyone you don't live with, and wash your hands frequently.

Stay Safe.

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