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## **Elgin Ontario Health Team Receives Official Status from the Ontario Government**

(St. Thomas, ON) Today, the Ontario Government in partnership with Ontario Health, announced eight new Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) in the province. Among these is the Elgin OHT, which is comprised of approximately 25 organizations representing various health care sectors including primary care, acute care, home and community care, and community and patient partners.

“This is an exciting day for health care in Elgin County. Together with our partners, we have a tremendous opportunity to be a part of this progressive plan to transform the delivery of care and improve the health of residents in Elgin County and across Ontario,” says Judith Wiley, Chief Executive Officer, Central Community Health Centre and co-Chair, Elgin OHT.

Provincial funding will support work that is currently underway in Elgin County to coordinate health care services for patients, making it easier to navigate their health care journey during COVID-19 and in the future.

OHTs are a new model of organizing and delivering healthcare to better connect patients and providers in their communities and improve patient outcomes. Integrated care teams will ensure patients experience better coordinated health care that allows them to access and navigate the system more easily, and to be better supported as they transition from one healthcare provider or from one setting to another.

The province now has a total of 50 Ontario Health Teams, which will cover 92 per cent of the province's population at maturity.

Learn more about the Elgin OHT: [Elgin Ontario Health Team \(elginohht.ca\)](http://elginohht.ca)

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