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Labrador-Grenfell Health imposes COVID-19 restrictions

The health and safety of Labrador-Grenfell Health patients and staff continues to be our priority throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, to limit public exposure to potential risk, Labrador-Grenfell Health is imposing restrictions at all its facilities until further notice.

The following restrictions have been implemented at all Labrador-Grenfell Health facilities:

Surgeries

- Only urgent/ emergent surgeries will take place.
- Patients who have already traveled for elective procedures/ surgeries will be accommodated.
- All other elective surgeries will be rebooked.
- Labrador-Grenfell Health will contact affected individuals about their surgery.

The following Services will Continue

- All telehealth services.
- All cancer services.
- In-center renal dialysis.
- Urgent medical imaging (i.e. X-Ray) and Laboratory services (i.e. blood collection).
- Urgent ambulatory care.
- Urgent therapeutic services.
- Doorways and mobile crisis response teams.
- Inpatient rehabilitation services.
- Community based services for priority services based on client need (ex: Home Nursing Services, Emergency Home Support and Special Assistance Program, Public Health Nursing).
- Select primary care appointments at outpatient departments, health centres and community clinics.
- Urgent specialist appointments.

Labrador-Grenfell Health is implementing alternative methods for delivering care such as telephone consults or virtual care in lieu of in-person consultations when appropriate.

Labrador-Grenfell Health will inform individuals their appointment status. If you have questions about your scheduled appointment, please call the respective department.

Visitors

- Only one designated visitor per resident is permitted in long-term care homes.
- No visitors are permitted in any of Labrador-Grenfell Health hospitals with the following exceptions:
 - There are no restrictions on the number of patients at end-of-life.
 - Only one designated person per patient permitted in obstetrics delivery rooms.
 - Parents can visit children who are inpatients.
 - Patients who require interpretations services will be permitted one designated visitor.

Volunteers

- Volunteering is temporarily suspended.

Students

- University and college student placements will continue.

Gatherings

- The use of healthcare facilities for community groups is suspended.

Labrador-Grenfell Health is thanking the public for their patience and cooperation during this time. All Newfoundlanders and Labradorians must work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For more information and regular updates on COVID-19, please visit the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador website at www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19.

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