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Labrador-Grenfell Health continues to increase capacity in Alert Level 2

Labrador-Grenfell Health is advising the public that health care services will continue to increase in Alert Level 2. Inpatient, outpatient and community-based services will continue to gradually increase capacity based on the following considerations:

- Virtual care opportunities
- Physical distancing requirements
- Occupancy rates of facilities
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) availability
- Screening and testing measures.

We continue to prioritize patient lists for scheduled procedures based on urgency. To assist with physical distancing measures, please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your scheduled appointment.

Certain procedures will require the patient to have a COVID-19 test completed and the results received prior to providing the service. These patients will be contacted up to 72 hours in advance to book their swab testing appointment. All patients admitted to hospital will require a COVID-19 test.

Patients who had received a requisition for blood work before March 16 are now able to make an appointment for blood work. Please call to make an appointment:

- **Labrador West Health Centre**
(709) 285-8312
- **Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital**
(709) 454-3333 ext. 7504
- **Strait of Belle Isle Health Centre**
(709) 456-2401 ext. 6221
- **Labrador Health Centre**
(709) 897-2309
- **Labrador South Health Centre**
(709) 931-2450
- **White Bay Central Health Centre**
(709) 457- 2215 ext. 242

Services will continue to be provided using virtual care where possible. Where virtual visits are not appropriate, in-person services will continue to employ physical distancing measures and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Patients with questions or concerns regarding their health or changes in their condition are advised to contact their health care provider, call Healthline 811 or proceed to the nearest emergency department if emergency services are needed.

Measures are in place to protect individuals when entering our facilities including designated entrances, COVID-19 screening, providing a mask to individuals upon entry, hand hygiene and physical distancing practices. Please do not visit if you are sick and please call ahead to book an appoint before visiting.

Visitor guidelines continue, as outlined in Alert Level 3. These guidelines are available on our [website here](#).

We would like to thank the public for their patience and support during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on COVID-19, please visit the Provincial Department of Health and Community Services website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/>. For updates pertaining to Labrador-Grenfell Health's ongoing services and restrictions, please visit our Twitter page or www.lghealth.ca/covid-19.

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