

For immediate release

February 14, 2021

Labrador-Grenfell Health imposes reduction in services

The health and safety of Labrador-Grenfell Health patients and staff continues to be our priority throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the recent announcement by the Provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health to move to COVID-19 Alert Level 5, Labrador-Grenfell Health is reducing select services at all its facilities for the next 14 days, effective tomorrow (Monday, February 15, 2021)

The following services will continue:

- Urgent/emergent procedures/surgeries
- Please note that patients who have traveled for procedures/surgeries will be accommodated.
- 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.
- All mental health and addictions services.
- Inpatient rehabilitation and urgent outpatient services.
- Well baby clinics up to 18 months.
- Postnatal home visiting and support will continue either virtually or in person.
- 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 in-person primary care appointments at outpatient departments, health centres and community clinics.

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

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 updates pertaining to Labrador-Grenfell Health's ongoing services and restrictions, please visit our Twitter page or www.lghealth.ca/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.

- 30 -

Media Contact:

Amanda MacNeil
Regional Director of Communications, Labrador-Grenfell Health
E: amanda.macneil@lghealth.ca