

EH Opens Assessment Clinic for Respiratory Illness

November 30/20– St. John’s, NL: Eastern Health advised today that it has opened new assessment clinics for respiratory illnesses, including influenza (flu) and COVID-19.

Clinics will assess patients and provide treatment at **50 Mundy Pond Road** in St. John’s. Patients with respiratory symptoms may be directed to the assessment clinic based on the severity of their symptoms. While at these clinics patients will be assessed by a health-care team and based on the assessment may receive treatment interventions along with appropriate testing.

Family physicians have the ability to refer patients who are deemed appropriate for the assessment clinic by simply completing the online referral form (attached).

Patients who meet the criteria for assessment are:

- Positive or suspect ILI/Covid-19 patients
- Exhibit Non-urgent ILI/Covid-19 symptoms and
 - Require a physical assessment by a physician
 - Require an intervention similar to what they would receive at a family physician practice

****If patients do not require a physical assessment, they can be booked for a swab at the drive thru swab clinics by contacting 811.***

Patients who are referred to the clinic will be booked within a 24 hour time period. There are no diagnostic capabilities at the clinic, however a clear pathway for these patients has been identified for lab, EKG and X-Ray. Urgent patients exhibiting signs of respiratory distress ***are not*** an appropriate referral.

The referral can be completed and submitted online or faxed to the number at the top of the referral (709-752-4732). We look forward to working together to help our patient population in these unprecedented times.



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