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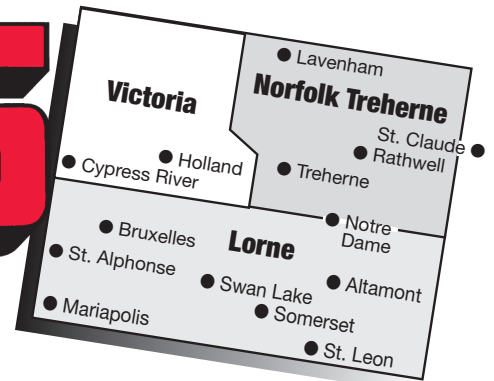
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Emergency Department and Admissions Suspended at Treherne

Summer staffing challenges at a number of health-care facilities located in the Prairie Mountain Health Region (PMH) will result in the temporary adjustment of emergency department and hospital admission hours at several locations in order to ensure reliable and consistent health services for residents and visitors to the region, reports Prairie Mountain Health in a release issued this past Thursday.

"These challenges, resulting from a combination of vacancies, staff leaves, and vacations, have been discussed with physician leadership and staff at the affected sites as well as with key community stakeholders. The feedback generated during these meetings made it clear that access to consistent, reliable and known Emergency Department services is a priority," stated PMH.

The hospital in Treherne is directly affected, with the emergency department and hospital admissions now temporarily suspended. Laboratory and diagnostic service hours in Treherne remain unchanged.

Other facilities affected in-



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Staffing shortages has resulted in the suspension of the emergency department and hospital admission at Tiger Hills Health Centre in Treherne.

clude Grandview, Melita and Souris facilities.

In Grandview, emergency department services will remain in place from Monday to Friday, 8

a.m. to 8 p.m. Overnight and weekend emergency department services are temporarily suspended as of July 8th.

In Melita, emergency depart-

ment and hospital admissions have been temporarily suspended effective June 30th.

At Souris, emergency department services remain available

24 hours per day, except for Mondays and Wednesdays, effective July 4th.

As in Treherne, laboratory and diagnostic service hours at these sites are unchanged.

PMH advises less serious health care needs should be addressed through your primary care (doctor or nurse practitioner's) clinic. In the event of an Emergency, please call 911.

EMS (ambulance) services provide emergency response to all areas of Prairie Mountain Health. All residents making 911 calls will be transported to the nearest open emergency department.

"PMH continues to work on the recruitment of physicians and other professional and skilled health-care staff. We will continue to work with communities to discuss how we can best work together to encourage people to live and work in our health region. We are also working closely with other health service delivery organizations on provincial recruitment, retention and training efforts," stated the health region in its June 30 announcement.



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