

DATE:	2022 January 18
TO:	Edmonton Zone Physicians
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	RECINDED: Morinville Lab and DI Services - Permanent Closure February 1, 2022

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Key Message

- Effective February 1, 2022, laboratory and diagnostic imaging (DI) services will be permanently discontinued at the Morinville Clinic due to low patient volumes, lack of functioning x-ray equipment at the site, and challenges recruiting staff.
- The final day of lab service at the clinic will be Monday, Jan. 31. All other services provided at the Morinville Clinic will remain open and operating as usual.
- Morinville residents will continue to have access to full lab and DI services in nearby communities, including St. Albert – 18 kilometres away.
- Service levels and wait times at facilities in St. Albert will not be affected:
 - Patients will continue to receive general x-ray service at MIC Summit Centre or the Sturgeon Community Hospital in St. Albert. Service levels will remain status quo since x-ray service was discontinued in Morinville in February 2020.
 - The nearest alternate locations for Morinville residents to access community laboratory service is in St. Albert DynaLIFE's patient service centre and at APL's outpatient lab at Sturgeon Community Hospital. These facilities are capable of handling additional patient volumes without impacting wait times for lab appointments or walk-in service.
- Patients who are physically unable to travel will receive lab services through APL's mobile collection service and/or home care services.
- These changes are being made as part of AHS and APL's ongoing efforts to continue providing safe, high- quality lab and x-ray services for all Albertans as we continue to address staffing challenges across Alberta.

Action Required

- Please inform Morinville patients about the upcoming closure. To book appointments and for information about lab locations and hours of service, patients should visit www.albertaprecisionlabs.ca or call 1-877-868-6848.
- Information about APL's mobile collection service is available on our website: <https://www.albertaprecisionlabs.ca/hp/Page13822.aspx>

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to

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This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by

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