

DATE:	2021 August 23
TO:	Physicians, Nursing, and Laboratory Staff at Magrath Health Centre
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories - Magrath Health Centre
RE:	Temporary Change to Laboratory and X-Ray Services Magrath

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Key Message

- Effective August 31, 2021 at Magrath Health Center Hospital, there will be a temporary change to laboratory and x-ray services. Laboratory services will be available three days per week and x-ray services available two days per week.
- This temporary service change will end upon successful recruitment and is due to staffing/recruitment challenges. Our hiring efforts continue and we will reopen as soon as we are able to.
- The safety of our patients and staff is at the heart of every decision we make. This is a temporary measure to ensure safe and high-quality care for patients, and a quality work environment for staff. APL continues to look for solutions to address staffing needs.
- Combined laboratory and x-ray technologists are in high demand across the province, creating significant staffing challenges across South Zone.

How this will impact you

- New hours of service in Mcgrath will be:

Laboratory Services	X-Ray Services
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 0800-1530	Thursdays, and alternating Wednesdays/Fridays 0800-1530

- Lab and x-ray service will continue to be provided Monday through Friday at the community health centre in Raymond, 18 kilometers from Magrath, as well as in Cardston and Lethbridge. For more information about community lab locations, hours of operation, and appointment bookings, please visit www.albertaprecisionlabs.ca or by calling 1-833-572-0577.

Action Required

- A schedule will be distributed to the Magrath Clinic and posted at the Magrath Health Center. Please ensure patients and staff are aware of the new hours of service.
- We will continue to update the physicians and facility about recruitment efforts and thank the community for their understanding during this time.

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