

# Alberta Public Laboratories (APL) Alberta's New Provincial Lab Model

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## Who is Alberta Public Laboratories (APL)?

Alberta Public Laboratories (APL) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alberta Health Services (AHS).

APL officially became an organization September 1, 2018.

## Is APL Private?

APL is a publically-funded organization. This new provincial lab model will build on the experience and successes of Alberta Health Services (AHS), Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS), Covenant Health, and Lamont Health Care Centre to delivery services throughout the province. (DynaLIFE will transition to APL in 2022).

## Why Was APL Created?

AHS received a mandate to create a single provincial organization responsible for all laboratory services across the province.

Under the consolidated lab model, APL will provide Alberta patients with timely consistent results by standardizing testing and improving healthcare provider and patient access to their laboratory information – all of which contribute to improved patient outcomes

## Will Services In Existing Facilities Still Be Available?

Yes.

Patients can continue to book appointments as they always have; online access and phone numbers have not changed.

While the new lab model will consolidate services into one organization, where you get service today, you'll get service tomorrow.

Over the coming months, you will notice changes that reflect the transition to the new organization such as the APL name on requisition forms, staff ID badges and how staff answer the phone.

## With The Transition of Several Laboratories In to One, is My Health Information Secure?

As custodians under the *Health Information Act*, APL will continue to protect your privacy and are committed to safeguarding your personal and health information. All physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that were in place at each health care facility remains intact with this transition to APL to ensure your information is protected from unauthorized access, use or disclosure.

**If you have additional questions, please email**

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*Our name has changed. Our commitment has not.*