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# **Laboratory Bulletin**

DATE:	2022 July 25
TO:	Physicians, Nursing and Laboratory Staff at Seton-Jasper Healthcare Centre
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories Laboratory Services – Seton-Jasper Healthcare Centre
RE:	Change to Hours of Outpatient Collections at Seton-Jasper Healthcare Centre – Saturday Closure

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### **Key Message**

- Effective **August 6, 2022**, Seton-Jasper Healthcare Centre Outpatient collections hours of service will change as follows:
  - Laboratory will no longer be open on Saturdays for outpatient routine collections (previously open 0930h-1200h).
  - o No change to Monday to Friday Outpatient schedule. Hours will remain at 0800h-1630h.
- Patients already booked for a Saturday collection on or after August 6, 2022 will have those appointments honored.

## How this will impact you

- Community patients will see a decrease in available lab appointments for blood collections. Currently, there are typically appointments available same day or next day. This is not expected to significantly change availability. APL will monitor for signs of increasing wait times for available appointments and will respond accordingly.
- No change to collections and testing to inpatients, emergency department or ambulatory services.

#### **Action Required**

 These changes are effective August 6, 2022. Please update all laboratory lists you have to reflect these changes.

#### **Questions/Concerns**

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