October 28, 2022

Local emergency department to remain temporarily closed for overnight hours

BASSANO — The Bassano Health Centre emergency department (ED) will remain temporarily closed from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., Mondays to Thursdays, for the remainder of October and throughout November due to a lack of physician coverage.

The ED is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and for the entire weekend, including overnights.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is working to ensure local residents continue to have access to the care they need during this time.

Patients are asked to **call 911 if they have a medical emergency**.

EMS calls will be re-routed to Brooks (51 km), to ensure local residents continue to have access to the emergency services they need. Patients seeking care can access emergency services at the Brooks Health Centre.

Residents are reminded to **call Health Link at 811**, which is available 24/7, for non-emergency health-related questions. Individuals requiring non-emergency medical care are also encouraged to call their family physician.

AHS is grateful for the support of surrounding healthcare centres and medical staff, and thanks the community for its patience and understanding during this time.

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