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Public Service Announcement

Arctic Bay health centre temporarily closed

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The Department of Health is advising Arctic Bay residents of a temporary closure of the health centre effective immediately and until further notice due to staff shortages.

During the temporary closure, paramedics are on site to provide emergent or life-threatening care. The Department of Health will use a combination of virtual health and paramedic services to support clients in Arctic Bay.

Calls will continue to go to the health centre and be directed to virtual support services. Calls may be automatically forwarded to other communities. There may be a delay during this time, but callers are recommended not to hang up. Support staff will be available by phone to assist with services such as filling prescriptions and medical travel. If you need a prescription filled, you are advised to get them between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Service reductions or closures are subject to change based on staff availability. There may be changes to services if staffing levels change.

The Department of Health is working with government and territorial partners to ensure Nunavummiut have access to necessary health services while addressing staff shortages.

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