

Daily Media Briefing

Status of Strike Preparations

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Status of Preparations

- 11 hours until legal strike position
- Operations have slowed down, all non-emergency appointments have been postponed on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 48 hours notice for postponing appointments

Status of Preparations (cont.)

- **Surgeries:** limited number of elective day surgeries happening today; approximately 300 cases postponed as of today.
- **Bed closures:** 172 beds, across all sites
- **Outpatient clinics:** postponed 1,947 appointments
- **Diagnostic Imaging:** postponed 530 appointments
- **Labs and blood collections:** no changes until tomorrow

Clinical Service Impacts: Wednesday, April 25

- **Surgeries**
 - Urgent and emergency cases only
- **Diagnostic imaging and labs**
 - Urgent and emergency cases only
- **Outpatient clinics**
 - Urgent and emergency cases only
- **Emergency Departments**
 - Remain open and fully staffed

What Patients and Clients Need to Know

- Information on how to cross the picket line has been posted to our website
- For patients coming to our facilities, you should expect some delays
- For patients in hospital: we encourage patients and their families to speak with the charge nurse or unit manager if they have a care need that is not being met, or have questions or concerns about their care.

What Patients and Clients Need to Know

Reminder:

- All emergency departments remain open
- If you require urgent care, contact your family physician or call 811 to talk to a registered nurse
- Specific questions about appointments or ongoing treatment, contact physician's office
- If you're unsure whether you need emergency care, come to the emergency department or call 911
- Urgent blood testing that is required for ongoing treatment will continue; only the blood collection clinics within the hospitals will be open

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Updated information:

www.cdha.nshealth.ca or

call 1-855-473-2700

Questions?