



News Release

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Central Health prepares for nurses' strike

Central Health is reducing services in order to prepare for a Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses' Union strike on May 20, 2009.

As a result, Central Health facilities will be operating at a reduced capacity and several service changes will be implemented. All patients who may be safely discharged will be released. Elective surgeries will be canceled and clients will be contacted. Admissions and surgeries will be limited to emergencies only.

For specific details on service changes, please contact your local health facility or visit our website at www.centralhealth.nl.ca

"Central Health is committed to patient safety. Therefore, we are asking residents of the region for their cooperation and patience as we move forward with our contingency plan," said Ms. Karen McGrath, Chief Executive Officer. "Further updates concerning services will be provided as additional information becomes available or if the situation changes."

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