



# News Release

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## Central Health implements service changes due to staffing challenges

Central Health would like to advise the public of service changes implemented within the region due to staffing challenges.

The following changes to services are effective immediately:

- Cancellation of some elective surgeries at James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre (JPMRHC) in Gander on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Any patients impacted by this change have already been notified.
- All Echocardiogram services at JPMRHC and Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor (inpatient and outpatient) have been temporarily suspended until further notice. Any clients affected by this change have been notified and will be rescheduled at the earliest possible date. Any emergent echocardiograms will be referred to another health authority.

Up-to-date information regarding service changes can be found on Central Health's website at [www.centralhealth.nl.ca](http://www.centralhealth.nl.ca) or by calling Central Health's *Pandemic Information Line* at 1-877-311-2613.

Central Health apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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