



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Upcoming NSHN Department Closure – Thessalon Site

The North Shore Health Network (NSHN) is informing the community of upcoming temporary closures of the Emergency Department at the following locations due to physician shortages:

- **THESSALON SITE:**
  - From **8:00 am** on **Wednesday January 7** and reopening at **8:00 am** on **Thursday January 8**.

**Anyone requiring immediate medical attention should call 9-1-1.**

Ambulances will be re-routed to one of the following closest Emergency Departments to the **Thessalon Site**:

- Blind River Site – North Shore Health Network – 525 Causley St., Blind River, ON
- Richards Landing Site – North Shore Health Network – 1180 Richards St., Richards Landing, ON
- Sault Area Hospital – 750 Great Northern Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Access to services for non-emergent health advice or information is available by contacting Health811 by calling 8-1-1. Toll free TTY line: 1-866-797-007. Or start a live chat with an advisor online at:

<https://healthconnectontario.health.gov.on.ca>.

For same day virtual access to a Nurse Practitioner through the North East Virtual Care Clinic for patients who have minor health issues and do not have a primary care provider or access to one in a timely manner visit:

<https://nevirtualcare.ca/> or contact 1-888-684-1999 for more information.

The North Shore Health Network continues to investigate all possible options to provide safe access to care and to avoid closure. Efforts to find coverage are ongoing and should a physician be secured NSHN will reverse the closure and update the community as soon as possible. For further information please visit our website:

[www.nshn.care](http://www.nshn.care) or via Facebook “North Shore Health Network.”

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