



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Upcoming NSHN Department Closure – Richards Landing Site

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

- **RICHARDS LANDING SITE:**
  - From **8:00 am** on **Saturday May 9** and reopening at **8:00 am** on **Monday May 11**.

**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 **Richards Landing Site**:

- Thessalon Site – North Shore Health Network – 135 Dawson St., Thessalon, 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. TTY Line dial 7-1-1- or alternatively: 1-800-855-0511. Or start a live chat with an advisor online at: <https://health811.ontario.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. 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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