

## Urgent care hours at Chemainus Health Care Centre in April

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Due to limited physician availability, Island Health is advising community residents and visitors about changes to the operating hours for urgent care services at the Chemainus Health Care Centre (CHCC) throughout April. During this time, laboratory and medical imaging services at the CHCC will continue as usual.

Hours of operation for urgent care are:

April 22	Open 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
April 23	No change, open 8 a.m 8 p.m.
April 24	Open 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
April 25	No change, open 8 a.m 8 p.m.
April 26	Open 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.
April 27	Closed
April 28	Closed
April 29	Open 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
April 30	Open 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

During the hours when urgent care at CHCC is not open, people should proceed to the <u>Ladysmith</u> <u>Community Health Centre</u> (15km away) or <u>Cowichan District Hospital</u> (20 km away). During the hours when CHCC is not open, Island Health will allocate additional resources to Ladysmith and Cowichan to support staff and patients.

Island Health is continuing work to secure additional physician coverage for April, which may result in adjustments to CHCC urgent care hours of operation.

Residents and visitors to the area can call ahead to the CHCC for up-to-date information at 250-737-2040 ext. 42227 or check for updates on the Island Health <u>website</u>.

Anyone experiencing a medical emergency should call 911 or, if possible, proceed to the nearest Emergency Department.

If you are unsure if you are experiencing a medical situation requiring a visit to an emergency department, confidential health information and advice from a registered nurse is available toll free, 24/7 by calling HealthLink BC at 811.

Island Health acknowledges this is not an ideal situation for the community and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience experienced by this temporary service interruption.

