

# Provincial Laboratory Services



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**Health PEI**  
One Island Health System

## Blood Collection Services at Queen Elizabeth Hospital

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*This information applies to: Island Physicians and Nurse Practitioners*

As Health PEI slowly begins the ease back of regular practices, operations within Diagnostic Services will also be slowly reinstated. The return of service operations has to be done in a coordinated and safe manner for our patients. As restrictions are lifted, we still have to be mindful of social distancing. For our area, this is very challenging when large groups of patients present to our locations for procedures.

To address this situation, all requests for outpatient blood collection services will have to be booked in advance. Set appointment times will enable our services to manage patient visits. Appointments will be used to ensure our waiting rooms do not present a health risk to our patients in opposition to the social distancing requirements set forth by the Chief Public Health Officer.

We do realize that this change in practice will affect operations and we ask for your patience as we navigate through this new process. Owing to the large volume of patients that utilize our area for venipuncture, delays can be expected.

Practitioners presently using this service do have the option to collect laboratory samples within their own clinics.

For any requests of our services, practitioners are instructed to call or have their patients call (902) 894- 2138, Monday-Friday from 7am-3pm.

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