

**INFORMATION ON LAKESHORE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND
MANITOBA'S CLINICAL AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES PLAN**

Located in Ashern, Lakeshore General Hospital is currently a 14-bed site that was built in 1961 with an addition built in 1988 to provide renal services. The facility provides a variety of health-care services to the community and region including public health, home care, mental health, diagnostic imaging and lab services, hemodialysis program, inpatient medicine, emergency, rehab and palliative care services. The area is also home to the province's first Indigenous My Health Team servicing the Ashern and Hodgson areas.

Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan will guide improvements to access, quality and patient outcomes for all Manitobans. Developed with the extensive input of health-care professionals, communities and members of the public, the plan represents the first time clinical providers have contributed to a provincial plan that will meet the unique needs of Manitoba communities.

The plan uses resources in smarter and more modern ways, using a network of hubs that are staffed and equipped to meet the needs of Manitoba patients. Because of these investments, Manitobans will:

- wait less, with improved access to specialized services, mental health supports and care for chronic illnesses;
- travel less, with virtual appointments to many health-care providers;
- know where to go for care, with reliable access to high-quality care closer to home; and
- have quick and reliable access to life-saving care in an emergency.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, several initiatives included in the plan were accelerated in order to support better care for Manitobans through expanded virtual care, secure online portals for test results and immunization information, and a provincial approach to increasing surgical and critical-care capacity.

Other initiatives already announced as part of this commitment, the largest capital health investment in province's history, include:

- a \$70-million investment to expand and renovate the Brandon Regional Health Centre and Western Manitoba Cancer Centre, establishing Brandon as Manitoba's intermediate hub for western Manitoba;
- construction of a \$283-million, two-storey hospital in Portage la Prairie that offers more inpatient beds, expanded medical and surgical capacity and a modern emergency department;

- a \$32-million expansion of Bethesda Regional Health Centre in Steinbach that will include additional acute-care inpatient beds and expanded medical capacity including a new renal dialysis unit;
- a \$64.4-million expansion of Boundary Trails Health Centre in the Morden/Winkler area that adds new acute-care inpatient beds and provides larger, more modern spaces for patient-care programs;
- \$31.6-million to expand surgical services, renovate the emergency department and add up to 30 new inpatient beds at Selkirk Regional Health Centre;
- renovations totalling \$5 million at Dauphin General Hospital that allow for more endoscopies and cancer treatments; and
- construction of a \$127-million health centre in Neepawa that will include more acute-care inpatient beds, an expanded emergency department and enhanced spaces for a number of programs as well as the addition of dialysis services.

These projects are the latest in Manitoba's commitment to providing better care sooner, which has included significant infrastructure investments at health facilities throughout the province including the new Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Health Sciences Centre Women's Hospital and new emergency departments in Flin Flon, Dauphin and at Winnipeg's Grace and St. Boniface hospitals.