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TO: Rural and North Laboratory and Medical Imaging Staff

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RE: All Routine Non-Invasive Cardiology Testing – North and Rural

Following the lead of the provincial team all routine and non-emergent noninvasive cardiology tests, which includes ECG, Echocardiography, Holter and Stress Testing in Saskatchewan Health Authority facilities will be discontinued as of Wednesday, March 23, 0700hr.

This is a rapidly changing situation. Please work with the facility operators to facilitate closure of our services including signage. Staff are to continue to report for work. For any pre-booked appointments in these centers, staff will be responsible to contact the patient to cancel. Due to the pandemic, only STAT or urgent requests will be processed. For any walk-in patients that are turned away, please make them aware of our reduction in service at this time. The following will assist staff in having conversations with patients:

Why is my appointment being cancelled?

The provincial Medical Imaging and Laboratory Departments are taking action to minimize and reduce the spread of COVID-19. As such, any procedures that can be delayed without significant patient impact are being postponed until they can be safely rescheduled.

When will my appointment be rescheduled?

Since we currently don't know when we can lift these precautionary measures, we are unable to reschedule appointments at this time. Once we receive direction that we can resume booking appointments, there will be public communication to inform everyone that these departments are in operation again. Direction on staff assignment will occur in the near future. Until directed otherwise, staff are to report for duty and use the time to clean and sanitize the area. We appreciate your dedication and hard work during this extremely difficult and stressful situation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require assistance.

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