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NSHN Thessalon Site Temporary Emergency Department Closure

Thessalon, ON – The Emergency Department at the **Thessalon Site** of the North Shore Health Network (NSHN) will be temporarily closing on the following dates due to physician shortages:

From 8:00 am on Wednesday May 24, 2023 and reopening Friday May 26, 2023 at 8:00 am.

The North Shore Health Network has investigated all possible options to continue to provide safe access to care, however, the difficult decision has been made to announce the temporary Thessalon Site Emergency Department closure. Every effort will continue to be made and NSHN is committed to keeping the community informed regarding this situation.

Anyone requiring immediate medical attention should call 9-1-1. Ambulances will be re-routed to one of the following: NSHN Blind River Site, NSHN Richards Landing-Matthews Site, or Sault Area Hospital.

The closest Emergency Departments to the Thessalon Site are:

- Blind River Site North Shore Health Network 525 Causley St., Blind River, ON
- Richards Landing Site North Shore Health Network 1180 Richards St., Richards Landing, 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 calling Health811 by calling 8-1-1. Toll free TTY line: 1-866-797-007. Or start a live chat with an advisor online at: https://healthconnectontario.health.gov.on.ca.

NSHN would like to thank the community for your continued patience and understanding during this time as we work with our partners towards sustainable resources to serve your healthcare needs. For further information please visit our website: www.nshn.care or via Facebook "North Shore Health Network."

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