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## **Airdrie Community Health Centre getting \$2.5 million upgrade**

### **Renovations support urgent care services in Airdrie**

Residents of Airdrie and surrounding area will soon have a renovated and upgraded Community Health Centre that will include urgent care services thanks to Alberta government funding of \$2.5 million.

"The renovated Community Health Centre will provide needed urgent care facilities for the Airdrie area," said Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. "The centre will also preserve and protect Alberta's health care infrastructure, ensuring the best possible care now and in the future."

Urgent care is an innovative and relatively new approach to providing health care services. It provides unscheduled health care for urgent, non-life threatening conditions. Some of the health concerns that are appropriate for assessment and treatment at urgent care centres include fractures and sprains, cuts, asthma attacks, pain and infections.

"The expanded facility will better meet patient needs and bring quality health care closer to home for the residents of Airdrie," said Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness.

The Alberta government is continuing to work with the Calgary Health Region as they move forward on the community health care centre.

"Airdrie is a growing community and the need for additional health care services is evident," said Jack Davis, President & CEO, Calgary Health Region. "Improving access to care is an important priority for the Region and we are pleased the province is providing us with infrastructure dollars that will allow us to expand health care services in Airdrie."

The Calgary Health Region will also relocate the Mental Health Clinic that is located at 112 - 1st Avenue NW, to the Airdrie Community Health Centre. This will bring the Region's services under one roof, giving more opportunities for collaboration among health care providers. The Calgary Health Region is working closely with local physicians and the City of Airdrie in developing options and timelines for this project.

"I am very pleased to see that additional health services will be available right here in Airdrie," said Carol Haley, MLA Airdrie-Chestermere. "Having access to urgent care services closer to home will help meet the growing health care needs of Airdrie citizens now and in the future. This will complement services like public health nursing, home care and adult day support programs already available."

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