

Primary Care Expansion

Clinic Types

Collaborative Family Practice Teams

- A team of at least three healthcare providers in one clinic, working together to provide the most relevant, complete and efficient care for every patient.
- There are currently 95 teams
 - Central Zone: 28
 - Eastern Zone: 26
 - Northern Zone: 16
 - Western Zone: 25
- 26 teams to be strengthened through increased staffing, plus renovations at some clinics
- 8 new teams to be established

Central Zone will also be adding a Locum Team which will not be based in a clinic but will provide coverage for primary care practices in the area where needed.

After Hours Clinics

- Provide non-emergency care during weekday evenings and on weekends. Patients must book appointments by calling the clinic. No walk-in patients are accepted.
- There are currently 3 After Hours Clinics
- 1 to be strengthened through increased funding
- 2 new clinics to be established

Urgent Treatment Centres

- Provide access to care for those with unexpected, non-life-threatening health concerns. Open weekdays. Some are also open evenings and weekends
- There are currently 7 Urgent Treatment Centres
- 1 new centre to be established

Primary Care Clinics

- Provide short-term primary medical care for people on the Need a Family Practice Registry. Appointments may be provided in-person or virtually depending on the patient's needs and resources available at each clinic. Patients must book appointments.
- There are currently 15 Primary Care Clinics
- 10 clinics to be strengthened through increased funding
- 6 new clinics to be established

Urgent Care Centres

- Provide access to urgent care for attached (and some unattached) patients by forming a group of local primary care practices. These private practices work collectively to provide appointments for each other's patients during evenings and weekends.
- There is currently 1 Urgent Care Centre
- 5 more to be established

Central Zone

Overview

14 new or strengthened clinics

Collaborative Family Practice Teams

New (1)

- **Dartmouth North:** scheduled to open early 2024

Strengthened (2)

- **Dartmouth North:** will serve as a community hub by including a range of NS Health services and programs. RFP issued March 2023. Scheduled to open early 2025.
- **Eastern Passage:** An existing clinic will be moved to larger location to allow increased staffing. An additional nurse practitioner began May 1. Relocation scheduled for Fall 2023.

Central Zone will also be adding a Locum Team. Unlike other teams, this one will not be based in a clinic. It will provide coverage for primary care practices in Central Zone where needed. Hiring is in progress.

Primary Care Clinics

New (4)

- **West Hants:** scheduled to open Summer 2023
- **Dartmouth South:** scheduled to open early 2024
- **Halifax Shopping Centre:** scheduled to open early 2024
- **Halifax Shopping Centre:** Request for Care clinic scheduled to open early 2024. A new clinic for people on the Need a Family Practice Registry with defined needs.

Strengthened (1)

- **Kearney Lake:** increased staffing.

Urgent Care Centres (5)

- **West Hants:** scheduled to open Summer 2023
- **Bedford/Sackville:** scheduled to open late 2023
- **Clayton Park:** scheduled to open late 2023
- **Halifax Peninsula:** scheduled to open late 2023
- **Dartmouth North:** scheduled to open early 2024

Eastern Zone

Overview

17 new or strengthened clinics

Collaborative Family Practice Teams

New (2)

- **Antigonish:** RFP issued for facility on April 28, 2023. Scheduled to open Summer 2025.
- **Sydney:** Scheduled to open Summer 2024

Strengthened (9)

- Funding for 12 new team members allocated across 9 teams
 - Guysborough/Canso
 - Port Hawkesbury
 - North Sydney (Northside Family Collaborative Practice)
 - North Sydney (Northside General Hospital)
 - Neils Harbour
 - Sydney Pier
 - Sydney Celtic
 - Sydney Celtic 2.0
 - Sydney Island

Primary Care Clinics

New (2)

- **Cape Breton University:** Newcomer Clinic. Scheduled to open Summer 2023
- **Port Hawkesbury:** Scheduled to open Summer 2023

Strengthened (4)

- Antigonish
- New Waterford
- North Sydney
- Sydney

Northern Zone

Overview

12 new or strengthened clinics

Collaborative Family Practice Teams

New (3)

- Funding for 12 new positions
 - Amherst: Scheduled to open Spring 2023
 - Bass River: Opened
 - Masstown: Scheduled to open Spring 2023

Strengthened (7)

- Funding for 17 new positions
 - Elmsdale/Kennetcook
 - Elmsdale-Ravines
 - New Glasgow, Westside
 - New Glasgow, Eastside
 - Pictou West
 - Tatamagouche
 - Truro

Primary Care Clinics

Strengthened (2)

- New Glasgow
- Truro

Western Zone

Overview

17 new or strengthened clinics

Collaborative Family Practice Teams

New (2)

- Yarmouth: scheduled to open early 2024
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Strengthened (8)

- Funding for 16 new positions
 - Bridgewater
 - Chester
 - Digby
 - Greenwood
 - Kentville (Centennial)
 - Queens
 - Shelburne
 - Yarmouth (Harbour South)

After Hours Clinics

New (2)

- Kentville: scheduled for early 2024
- Bridgewater: scheduled for early 2024

Strengthened (1)

- Berwick and Wolfville: scheduled for early 2024

Primary Care Clinics

Strengthened (3)

- Annapolis/Kings: scheduled for Summer 2023
- Bridgewater: scheduled for Fall 2023
- Yarmouth: scheduled for Fall 2023

New Urgent Treatment Centre

- Yarmouth: scheduled to open early 2024