

**Nov 12, 2020**

Please see below: The information is being provided to encourage you to contact the Minister of Health and our local MLA - Minister of Environment and Parks.

We want encourage anyone concerned about having the lab services at the Eckville Community Health Center re opened to please call both. Thank you for thinking about the community residents and the rural residents that truly benefit and need our local lab to re open.

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Information for the potential re opening of the lab at the Eckville Community Health Center than can be used during your discussions.

- a) Community seniors need access to a lab and x-ray
- b) Residents of the Eckville Manor need access to a lab and x-ray
- c) Many of the residents of the Eckville Manor no longer drive, they do not have access to a vehicle, their family members live in other communities and family members often work full time so they are unable to drive their parents/aunts/uncles or friends
- d) Senior community members also often don't have a vehicle or they don't drive beyond the community of Eckville, and some don't have access to a vehicle. Vehicles can be expensive to operate on limited pensions
- e) We have non driving community members – and no public transportation system
- f) Very small community
- g) Costs of hiring a taxi are excessive – far beyond the budget of a senior living on a limited income
- h) Young families also need access to lab and x-ray services – often young families have only one vehicle and it is being used by the working spouse/partner
- i) X-ray in Sylvan Lake is closed for at least three months while they install a new machine --- this requires even further travel for members of the Eckville community