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Accessing medical services during Fort Erie's UCC temporary closure

FORT ERIE (Jan. 6, 2022) Effective today (Jan. 6) at 11 p.m., [Niagara Health will be temporarily closing Fort Erie's Urgent Care Centre](#) in order to redeploy its emergency-trained physicians and nurses to other Emergency Departments. This decision was made to fulfil an immediate need created by a current staff shortage.

While the Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre is temporarily closed, Fort Erie residents have a few options when looking for medical care:

- Primary Care should be the first point of care if emergency care is not needed. This includes family doctors' offices, walk-in clinics, nurse practitioner clinics, community health centres and other healthcare options.
- Port Colborne's Urgent Care Centre can address concerns for patients that cannot wait for a scheduled medical appointment. Residents can also access online urgent care without leaving home by visiting [Urgent Care Ontario](#) or calling 844-227-3844.
- Emergency Departments provide 24-hour access to care for people experiencing trauma, serious injury or serious illness. Those experiencing a medical emergency, should call 9-1-1 immediately or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

For more information, please visit the Niagara Health website at www.niagarahealth.on.ca/KnowYourOptions or refer to [Niagara Health's Know Your Healthcare Options](#) handout.