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Edmonton Influenza Assessment Centre opening tomorrow

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Duggan Health Centre, 5035-108 A Street, Edmonton

[Edmonton] – Alberta Health Services will open an Influenza Assessment Centre (IAC) in Edmonton on Friday, October 30 at 8 a.m.

Located at Duggan Health Centre (5035-108 A Street), the Influenza Assessment Centre (IAC) will provide assessment and limited treatment services to Edmonton-area residents requiring care for influenza symptoms. The IAC will be open 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to midnight.

Before seeking treatment, individuals suffering from symptoms of influenza are asked to:

- visit www.albertahealthservices.ca for Self-Care information and local Influenza Assessment Centre details;
- call HealthLink Alberta for further advice on managing symptoms & accessing additional services; or
- call their family physician

Common symptoms of influenza include:

- Cough
- Fever
- Muscle aches
- Lethargy
- Lack of Appetite

For more Influenza information, visit www.albertahealthservices.ca or call Health Link Alberta toll-free at 1-866-408-5465; in the Edmonton-area at 780-408-5465; in the Calgary-area at 403-943-5465.

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