

New Name, New Logo and New Beginning for Sudbury East Primary Health Care Sector

SUDBURY EAST, April 3rd 2019 – The French River Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic (FRNPLC) and the Sudbury East Community Health Centre (SECHC) are moving one step closer to fully integrating their primary care services. The new organisation will now be known as the *Centre de santé Univi Health Centre*.

‘Both organisations have been working hard over the past three years to combine all aspects of our respective organisations into one vibrant new primary care body’, mentions Mr. Gérard Dignard, President of Board of Directors of the Univi Health Centre. He goes on to say that ‘The selection of a new name is important for the communities serviced as this represents a new beginning for the primary care sector in the area, while ensuring improvement in the level of health services.’

This custom name combines two words to create a unique term. UNI: from the word united representing the merger of the two health organisations; VI: from the French word for life (vie). UNIVI symbolizes communities coming together as one to foster life and provide the best health care possible.

Over the course of the next few months, the new organisation will be unveiling its new website and Facebook site, updating all of its signs, and switching to a common e-mail structure (@univi.ca). You will also notice that we will greet you with the new name when you call us at one of our five sites.

The *Centre de santé Univi Health Centre* operates four full service primary care offices in Alban, Noëlville, St-Charles and Warren as well as a Physiotherapy Centre located in Noëlville. The integration of both organisations was officially approved by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in May of 2018. After a series of community consultations, the new name was approved by the SECHC membership in December 2018.

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