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# **Interprofessional services to be scaled back at Perley Health**

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Ottawa's Perley Health has announced the winding down of Speech-Language Pathology and Occupational Therapy services provided by the Interprofessional Clinic at Perley Health. The final day these two services will be offered is December 23, 2022.

There will be changes to the physiotherapy services offered to the public by the Interprofessional Clinic but physiotherapy and massage services will continue to be offered by the Physiotherapy and Massage Clinic.

Alternative service locations for the affected services will be communicated to affected clients.

Other Clinic services, including Audiology, the Stuttering Clinic, Massage Therapy and Dental services are not affected by these changes.

"Thanks to the generous support of donors, Perley Health opened the Interprofessional Clinic in 2017," says Perley Health Chief Executive Officer Akos Hoffer. "Our goal now is to ensure that all professional services offered at Perley Health remain on a sound financial footing to benefit the members of our community."

At its height, Perley's Interprofessional Clinic offered Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, Physiotherapy, and Occupational Therapy services. It also provided a venue for student placements for health care students from the University of Ottawa. This past May, the University opted not to renew its student placement program at the Clinic.

The changes will not affect the employment of any Perley Health employees.

We thank all staff members of the Interprofessional Clinic for their commitment and support, particularly during the recent pandemic. We very much appreciate their professionalism and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

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