

**Public Accounts
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Requested Follow-up Information**

Saskatchewan Impaired Driver Treatment Centre – Delivering the Impaired Driving Treatment Program

- What collaboration takes place with Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI)?
 - The Executive Director from the Saskatchewan Impaired Driver Treatment Centre (SIDTC) indicated that SIDTC does not have any ties to SGI. SGI provides a letter, by mail, to all their potential clients that indicates the process a person must complete before they can get their license re-instated; SGI will send those letters to SIDTC clients as a courtesy. Once a client completes their sentence, they are released and it is their own responsibility to contact SGI and set up training.

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Saskatchewan Cancer Agency – Delivering the Screening Program for Colorectal Cancer

- Number of abnormal results from completed kits from March 20-21 (Page 141).
 - Table 1. The number of abnormal FIT fiscal year

Fiscal year	The number of abnormal FIT Results
April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020	5042
April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021	4316

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- Number of individuals waiting for endoscopy for abnormal fit kit from March 2020-21 (follow-up procedure)
 - Table 2. Number of people who had follow-up Endoscopy for abnormal FIT

Fiscal year	Endoscopy	90th Percentile (days)	Median (days)
April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020	3894	115	46
April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021	2523	100	47

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- What is timeframe for pathology results in 2020-21? (Page 142)
 - Table 3. Timeframe for pathology done from a follow-up colonoscopy with the median and 90th percentile wait time (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)

FIT RESULT REPORT DATE	PATHOLOGY			
	No#	MEDIAN (DAYS)	90TH PERCENTILE (DAYS)	14 DAYS (%)
APR. 1, 2019 TO MAR. 31, 2020	2851	7	19	79.90%
APR. 1, 2020 TO MAR. 31, 2021	1816	8	18	80.56%

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Saskatchewan Cancer Agency - Delivering the Program for Breast Cancer

- In regards to the various diagnostics that are available for breast cancer in the province, compared to March of 2020, what does that look like today?
 - Breast Cancer Screening backlog – client invitations in queue:

As of January 18th

Site	Invitations in Queue	Date Inviting From*
Saskatoon	2473	Dec 3/21
Regina	1575	Dec 23/21
Lloydminster	Caught up	Caught up
North Battleford	Caught up	Caught up
Prince Albert	1464	Sept 23/21
Yorkton	1735	Aug 12/21
Moose Jaw	1057	Oct 3/21
Swift Current	345	Dec 8/21
Mobile Unit	Caught up	Caught up

*This is the date a patient should have received an invitation for screening based on their age or date of last exam. Invitations are delayed if there are no available appointments at the site.

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- Number of cancellations of scheduled therapies, treatments, and diagnostics – was there a delay during the pandemic?
 - Cancer surgeries were prioritized and there have been no reductions in cancer surgery service levels during the pandemic.

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eHealth Saskatchewan – Securing Portable Devices

- How many major outages in the past year?
 - In calendar year 2021 (between January 1 and December 31, 2021) there were 218 major incidents.
 - Major incidents are incidents that impede access/availability to information or technology used in the delivery of care or core business operations.
 - Major incidents include scenarios outside the management of eHealth such as power outages, internet provider outages (e.g.: Sasktel) and localized environmental issues (e.g.: flooding within a healthcare facility).

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- What has that increased funding level meant for risk in operations?
 - Increased funding has primarily been directed to addressing risks related to reliability, performance and security of core IT services and infrastructure. It has progressed the highest priority security improvements to provide increased protections of health assets.
 - Examples of priority projects:
 - upgrades which address end of life, out of support technologies;
 - replacement of failing systems;
 - expansion of capacity to meet front line health service needs; and,
 - address several of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner recommendations.
 - In terms of benefits realization:
 - Matured security and protection capabilities;
 - Improved provider experience with technology tools;
 - Improved access to information and workflows;
 - Reduction of down-time related to IT system issues;
 - Improved disaster recovery capabilities; and,
 - Reduced risk of harm to patients, families and care providers.

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- How many major service disruptions in 21-22?
 - There have been 177 major incidents from April 2021 to January 2022.

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eHealth Saskatchewan – Securing Patient Data in the Saskatchewan Laboratory Results Repository

- What percentage of areas/sites are not electronically connected to SHA (lab results)?
 - Of the facilities we are aware of providing lab services and that we have been requested to implement a lab system by the SHA, only one is outstanding which is Stony Rapids in the Athabasca Health Authority. That work is in process.

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