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## **AHS CEO comments show that ER wait times are still in crisis**

*Alberta Liberal Pulling Through plan would end the ER crisis*

*Edmonton* – In the wake of Alberta Health Services CEO Dr. Chris Eagle’s comments that “we’re not close to meeting performance targets,” with regard to shortening emergency room wait times, Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann is reminding Albertans that he has a plan to dramatically shorten those wait times and end the ER crisis – unlike the Premier, who seemed to admit in the Legislature yesterday that he bases his opinion of the length of ER wait times on Twitter updates.

“How can Albertans have any confidence in this government’s ability to manage health care when the CEO of Alberta Health Services isn’t confident in where they are today on wait times?” Swann asked in Question Period today. “Who are Albertans supposed to believe on such a critical issue – a Premier who relies on Twitter for his ER updates or a CEO who has all but admitted that wait time targets can’t be met?”

*Pulling Through: David Swann’s Emergency Plan for the Emergency Room*, released late last year, provided the government with some real options to put an end to the ER wait time crisis. Swann’s plan calls for the mobilization of all available health care professionals, extended hours for laboratory and imaging services, the opening of mothballed facilities, the immediate provision of alternative long-term care settings and other steps to quickly and significantly shorten wait times.

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Attached: *Pulling Through*

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