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>>> today york regional police will be providing an update on a joint forces vehicle theft investigation known as project tie-down, they say multiple charges have been laid in more than 200 stolen vehicles have been recovered. the news conference is set to get underway at 11 clorn -- clorn this morning. activists will be heading to old city hall today for a greenbelt sing along, performing a song called "12 acts of destruction." organizers of the event say the tune describes the ways the attacks on the greenbelt will harm people and the environment. this is the latest in several protests against the ford's proposal to open up the protected greenbelt for a housing development. this sing-along happens at 5 point. >>> as the country continues to face a surge in respiratory illnesses, some hospitals are taking steps to deal with the influx of patients.



women's college hospital has opened up a covid-19, cold and flu clinic which provides non-urgent care. joining me live is dr. charissa chen, a family physician and the deputy medical director of the clinic. thank you for joining us. appreciate it. >> thanks for having me, tammie. >> tammie: first off, what prompted you to open up this clinic? we have seen this surge and clinics like this are starting to pop up more and more, we're noticing. >> yeah, so this is just the next stage in our covid assessment centre's response to the current pandemic. so over the last couple of years, the women's college hospital has tried respond to the needs of community, whether it's through covid pcr testing, then covid vaccination, and this is the next evolution in how we can help out our healthcare system. >> tammie: right. now it's not just focused on covid, but with other respiratory illnesses on the rise, we have a really early and a bad flu season that we're seeing just have this influx and



wave of patients in ers. how is this clinic trying to help alleviate that? >> yeah. so this clinic isn't meant to replace the emergency department, but rather to help support primary care. we know there are a lot of patients with symptoms that don't necessarily need to be seen in the emergency department, but do require an assessment, whether it's for fever, sore throat, cough, because of the strain on the primary care system right now, individuals may not have a primary care provider like a