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## Elkford Emergency Department temporary service change

ELKFORD – Residents are advised that due to unexpected limited staffing availability at the Elkford Health Centre, the emergency department will be closed Jan. 6 and Jan 7, 2020.

Interior Health regrets this interruption to our normal emergency department services. Residents should take note of the following if they require care when the emergency department is closed:

- In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.
- Visit the emergency department at one of the following facilities:
  - Sparwood Health Centre – open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Elk Valley Hospital in Fernie – 24-hour service
- Call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (24 hour service) if you are unsure about your need to go to the emergency department.

The Elkford Health Centre is open for scheduled physician and nurse practitioner appointments, public health, lab and x-ray services.

Only emergency department services are impacted by this staffing challenge.

Note: Elkford Emergency Department services normally operate Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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