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## Interior Health wildfire preparations and readiness

IH-Wide – Interior Health is monitoring wildfire activity and reminds the public to plan ahead for evacuation alerts, evacuations, and power loss.

Out of an abundance of caution, deployable alternate care sites (DACs) are being positioned in the north and south Okanagan.

These resources have been provided by Health Emergency Management BC and contain the supplies and equipment required to rapidly set-up a care site resembling a field hospital.

One DACs is being positioned at Summerland Seniors Village in Summerland and another is being positioned at the Pleasant Valley Manor in Armstrong, with St John Ambulance supporting the deployment process.

At this time, only the Summerland DACs will be unpacked which provides the supplies and equipment to care for approximately 40 people in case of emergency.

Proactive evacuations will continue for health-care clients, residents and patients impacted by evacuation alerts. Anyone wishing to confirm their loved one's evacuated location can call: 1.877.442.2001.

Throughout Interior Health portable generators continue being positioned at key health care facilities to ensure the continuity of care in the event power is interrupted due to wildfire activity.

Power outages will limit the ability to keep cool and have clean air in homes and prolonged exposure to smoke and heat can become dangerous for many people. To make preparations for wildfires and smoky skies visit, <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/Emergency/Wildfires/Pages/default.aspx>

To find out current warnings for heat and [air quality](#) in your area, check out [Environment and Climate Change Canada website](#). Please visit [cordemergency.ca](http://cordemergency.ca) for updates for cooling/clean air centers.

Visit [what to do during a power outage](#), and stay up to date with [current outages](#). Visit the Red Cross webpage [Power outages: Before, During and After](#) and for resources to help locate specific emergency and disaster services available in affected cities visit, [Red Cross: Emergency and Disaster Services](#).

Install the BC Wildfire Service mobile app (Android or iOS) or visit the BC Wildfire Service Dashboard to find information on current wildfire activity:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

The FireWork Forecast shows maps of predicted smoke impacts over the next 48 hours:  
<https://weather.gc.ca/firework/>