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## Interior Health Update on COVID-19 outbreak at Royal Inland Hospital

KAMLOOPS – After two weeks of containment measures at the Royal Inland Hospital, Interior Health is making positive progress managing the COVID-19 outbreak, which was declared on Jan. 22.

To date, 32 patients and 62 staff have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those cases, 53 remain active and sadly, one death is connected to this outbreak.

Staffing remains stable throughout the hospital and day surgeries are continuing.

As of today, the COVID-19 outbreak is contained to 6 North. Interior Health is pleased to report that the outbreak has now been declared over on 6 South, and after appropriate cleaning it is safe to resume regular operations on that unit.

Out of an abundance of caution, Interior Health is conducting surveillance testing of staff throughout the hospital. This is not a sign of COVID-19 spread, but rather a proactive measure to catch any cases early that could be linked to the outbreak.

Everyone across Interior Health is reminded that socialization must be limited to immediate household bubbles. Please do not invite friends or extended family to your residence for a visit or gathering.

It is important to follow public health guidance such as physical distancing, washing your hands regularly and wearing a mask.

IH will release regular updates on this outbreak and, in addition, everyone is encouraged to monitor the [BCCDC website](#) for ongoing COVID-19 data.

Everyone in all communities should remain vigilant in following COVID-19 precautions:

- Keep to your household bubbles and avoid social gatherings.
- Stay home when you are sick; get tested if you have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Practise physical distancing
- Wear a mask and wash your hands often
- Avoid non-essential travel

### Booking a COVID-19 test:

Online: You can book an appointment online through the COVID-19 Test Booking Form: <https://interiorhealthcovid.secureform.ca/index.php>

By phone: Call the COVID-19 Test Booking Line at 1-877-740-7747 for assistance with booking your test.