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Interior Health responding to Thompson-Cariboo region wildfires

100 Mile House – Interior Health has expanded its evacuation response due to the potential for fire-related impacts to health facilities and clients in Thompson Cariboo region.

Forty additional long-term care residents are being proactively evacuated from 100 Mile House to ensure the safe continuity of their care. Remaining acute care patients, care home residents, and community clients will remain on standby pending broader evacuation alerts.

In addition, 11 long-term care residents have been evacuated from Ashcroft.

The 100 Mile District General Hospital is not evacuated at this time, anyone requiring emergency care should proceed to this hospital as needed.

Due to the evacuation alerts in place throughout the region, the COVID-19 immunization clinic in 100 Mile House remains cancelled and anyone with appointments will be contacted directly to reschedule.

We are working closely with municipalities, regional districts, and the BC Wildfire Service to ensure precautions are underway to protect patients, clients, and residents.

Those requiring support during this crisis are encouraged to call the BC Crisis Line at 310-6789.

Interior Health also continues to monitor wildfire activity across the region. Wildfire planning includes supporting anyone who may be in isolation due to COVID-19. We will ensure separate arrangements are made for anyone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 to protect the public from potential exposure.

Everyone is reminded to make preparations for wildfires, and smoky skies as air quality deteriorates by visiting: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/Emergency/Wildfires/Pages/default.aspx>

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/>