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Interior Health responding to Wise Man Creek wildfire

SICAMOUS – Interior Health is proactively relocating care home residents within the Wise Man Creek wildfire evacuation alert zone.

Community health clients and residents from Eagle Valley Manor are being evacuated with support staff to neighboring communities.

Anyone wishing to confirm their loved one's evacuated location can call: 1.877.442.2001.

The Sicamous Health Centre is evacuated and will remain closed until further notice.

Due to the evacuation alerts in place throughout the region, the COVID-19 immunization clinic in Sicamous is cancelled and anyone with appointments will be contacted directly to reschedule. Drop-in options in nearby immunization clinics are located here.

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

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

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/

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