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Interior Health's mobile Cranbrook immunization clinic relocated

Cranbrook – Interior Health's mobile immunization clinic in Cranbrook is being relocated to an indoor location due to concerns about air quality from wildfire smoke.

- New location:** Tamarack Centre Shopping Mall 180-1500 Cranbrook St. N (use theatre entrance for most direct access)
- Time:** Saturday, July 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, July 25 from noon to 5 p.m.
- Who:** People in the Cranbrook area who are born in 2009 or earlier and who have not yet received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or anyone who received their first dose more than 49 days ago.

No advance appointments are necessary for this clinic. People who live or work in the Cranbrook area will be able to walk-up, register and receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Interior Health's mobile immunization clinics are a partnership with the British Columbia Automobile Association (BCAA) and are travelling through the Interior region, making stops in over 40 communities along the way.

For a list of all Interior Health COVID-19 immunization clinics and other resources visit:
<https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-vaccines/>

Wildfire Air Quality Precautions

Wildfire smoke is a complex mixture of gases and fine particles that can affect air quality over vast geographic areas. Most health effects of wildfire smoke are transient, meaning that they will disappear as the air quality improves. In general, health risks from short-term exposure to low or moderate levels of smoke during a wildfire event are considered to be low. For individuals with chronic diseases such as respiratory illness or heart diseases, exposure to wildfire smoke may worsen pre-existing conditions.

Interior Health recommends using BC Ministry of Environment's [Air Quality Health Index \(AQHI\)](#) as a guide for activity planning:

- When **AQHI is less than 6**, outdoor work can take place if heat stress has also been factored in
- When **AQHI is 7-10**, consider suspending outdoor activities, except for emergency work provided it is not strenuous and for short duration. **Ensure doors and windows are closed**
- At **AQHI greater than 10**, remain indoors as much as possible. **Ensure doors and windows remain closed**

The [FireWork Forecast](#) shows maps of predicted smoke impacts over the next 48 hours.