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## Interior Health resuming emergency department services in Merritt

MERRITT – Interior Health continues to gradually resume regular operations at the Nicola Valley Hospital.

Effective Friday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 a.m., the Nicola Valley Hospital emergency department will resume 24/7 emergency care.

Anyone who needs a COVID-19 test can review their closest options when booking online here: <https://interiorhealthcovid.secureform.ca/index.php>

We would like to remind the public that following flooding events there continues to be health hazards. Please review the following resources to stay safe when returning home from a flood:

HealthLink BC: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/clean-after-flood>

BCCDC: <http://www.bccdc.ca/news-stories-site/Pages/Flood-zones-are-danger-zones.aspx>

Interior Health: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/natural-disasters-and-emergencies/floods-and-landslides>

Please check the City of Merritt webpage for the most-to-date local evacuation order and alert notices: <https://www.merritt.ca/news/>

We will continue to work closely with municipalities, regional districts, and the province 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.

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