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## Clearwater emergency department closed tonight

CLEARWATER - Clearwater and area residents are advised that the emergency department at Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital is closed tonight due to limited staffing availability and inclement weather. Lab services will not be available during the emergency department closure.

**The emergency department will be closed from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5 to 7:00 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6.**

Interior Health regrets this temporary change to normal operations and reminds residents to take note of the following if they require care while the emergency department is closed:

- In the event of an emergency, call **9-1-1**.
- Visit the emergency department at one of the following facilities:
  - Royal Inland Hospital – 311 Columbia Street, Kamloops
  - Call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 (24 hour service) if you are unsure of your need to seek emergency care.

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