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Response & Preparedness

Northern Health Emergency Operations Centres continue planning for and monitoring wildfire-related impacts to NH facilities and services. With the exception of Stuart Lake Hospital in Fort St. James, no NH facilities are currently under evacuation alert or order. Northern Health proactively transferred patients and residents to Vanderhoof on August 16th, out of an abundance of caution while that community remains on evacuation alert.

If a person is seeking to locate a loved-one who is a Northern Health patient or client that was transferred to Vanderhoof from Fort St. James, please call 1-250-567-2013 to locate them in Vanderhoof.

NH has updated its [Health care information for evacuees](#) in Burns Lake, Terrace, Prince George, and Vanderhoof on the NH website, along with [other resources](#) related to public health, both during and following wildfire or smoky skies events. Northern Health staff and leadership have also been actively engaging with ESS reception sites and supporting evacuees as required in additional communities receiving those affected by wildfires including sites in Fraser Lake, Chetwynd, Dease Lake, Kitimat, and Smithers.

Updates and information

Northern Health continues to work and share information with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), Emergency Social Services (ESS), and Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC), among other agencies.

The following links to helpful resources can be shared across stakeholder networks as wildfire season continues:

- [Air Quality and Smoky Skies](#)
- [Emergency Info BC: Information for Residents Affected by Wildfire](#)
- [First Nations Health Authority Wildfire Information Portal](#)
- [Evacuee Health Care](#)
- [Active Wildfires Map](#)
- [Road Updates - DriveBC](#)

We will continue to update you on this situation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Steve Raper at Steve.Raper@northernhealth.ca or 250-640-0904.