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## **Slocan Community Health Centre emergency department resuming 24-hour service**

**NEW DENVER** – Residents are advised the emergency department at the Slocan Community Health Centre will be resuming 24-hour service.

“I would like to thank the community for its support while we managed Omicron-driven staffing challenges earlier this year and reduced emergency services to maintain safe patient care,” said Interior Health president and CEO, Susan Brown. “I’m pleased to share that Interior Health has successfully recruited two additional registered nurses to the community and we can now resume normal operations.”

The emergency department will resume 24-hour service effective Tuesday, May 10.

“I’m pleased the emergency department is resuming 24/7 service in our community,” said New Denver Mayor Leonard Casley. “Having access to 24/7 care provides our community with the ability to seek prompt medical attention regardless of challenges posed by geographical location and limited prehospital services.”

Interior Health would like to thank the public for their patience and understanding as Interior Health took swift action in January to manage the COVID-19 driven staffing crisis.

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