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Interior Health responds to McDougall Creek Wildfire

Kelowna, BC – Interior Health is responding to fire-related impacts to health facilities and clients in West Kelowna.

Brookhaven Care Centre is not currently on evacuation order as a result of the McDougall Creek Wildfire, however, given its close proximity to the evacuation order area and out of an abundance of caution, Interior Health has evacuated the site. 95 individuals in care are being moved to appropriate alternate facilities in the Kelowna and Summerland areas. Interior Health is contacting families directly to update them on the location of their loved one.

No other sites are impacted at this time. Anyone requiring emergency care should proceed to the hospital as needed. Interior Health is also ensuring community clients continue to have access to the services they need.

This is an evolving situation and we are working closely with the municipality, regional district and the BC Wildfire Service to ensure precautions are underway to protect patients, clients, and individuals in long-term care.

More information about the local wildfire response, including evacuation orders and alerts is available on the [regional district website](#).

Those requiring support during this crisis are encouraged to call the BC Crisis Line at 310-6789.

Interior Health also continues to monitor other wildfire activity across the region.

Everyone is reminded to make preparations for wildfires, and smoky skies as air quality deteriorates by visiting: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/wildfires>

Install the BC Wildfire Service mobile app (Android or iOS) or visit the BC Wildfire Service Dashboard to find information on current wildfire activity: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

The FireWork Forecast shows maps of predicted smoke impacts over the next 48 hours: <https://weather.gc.ca/firework/>.

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We will provide updates as new information is available.

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