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UPDATE: Interior Health responds to further impacts from McDougall Creek and Clifton /McKinley wildfires

Kelowna, BC – Interior Health (IH) is responding to additional fire-related impacts to seniors care facilities in the Kelowna/West Kelowna area.

To ensure the safety of individuals in care as well as the staff and physicians supporting them, IH is working with partners and has recommended its care facility partners evacuate the following locations:

Site Name and Location	Number of Residents	Type of Facility	Operator
The Highlands Retirement Residence - Kelowna	30	Seniors Living	Caretenders Retirement Living
Brandt's Creek Mews	98	Long Term Care	AgeCare
Glenmore Lodge - Kelowna	115	Long Term Care	Sienna Senior Living
Lake Country Lodge Retirement and Care Community - Lake Country	48	Long Term Care	Sienna Senior Living
Lakeview Lodge Community - West Kelowna	112	Long Term Care	Sienna Senior Living
The Vineyards Residence	126	Assisted Living and Long Term Care	Sussex Retirement
Village at Smith Creek – West Kelowna	186	Independent, Assisted Living, Long Term Care	Baptist Housing Seniors Living

Care facility partners will determine the timeline for evacuations with IH providing support for specific requests such as transportation or beds. These evacuations are in addition to the

We recognize and acknowledge that we are collectively gathered on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the seven Interior Region First Nations. This region is also home to 15 Chartered Métis Communities. It is with humility that we continue to strengthen our relationships with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples across the Interior.

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relocation of 95 individuals from Interior Health's Brookhaven Care Centre on the evening of August 17.

IH has also established a phone line where families can receive updates on the location of their loved ones. That number is: **1-833-469-9800**. Hours of Operation will be Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please leave a message afterhours for a call back.

No other sites are impacted at this time. Anyone requiring emergency care should contact 911 or proceed to Kelowna General Hospital or local Urgent and Primary Care Centres as needed. IH is also ensuring community clients continue to have access to the health services they need regardless of their location.

This remains a rapidly 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/>.

We will provide updates as new information is available.

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