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## Info Bulletin – Ashcroft Update – Impacts related to fire activity

ASHCROFT – While power has been restored to the Village of Ashcroft, Interior Health (IH) encourages residents to take note of the following:

- The Ashcroft Hospital and Health Centre, including the emergency department, remains closed. Reopening will occur only after all building supports are fully functioning such as phone, water, and cooling systems. Interior Health will update the community when the facility is operational.
- Power outages can affect the safety of food and water. Local water supplies may have been affected due to the power outage, and food in fridges may no longer be safe to eat. Residents should check food for spoilage and souring. Any freezer food that has thawed should not be refrozen, but tossed out. For additional information on food and water safety related to wildfire impacts, please see [these tips](#) on the IH website, at [www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca).
- Smoke from wildfires is expected to continue. Those with heart and lung conditions should monitor their symptoms and take steps to minimize their exposure.
- For additional information related to Interior Health services and wildfires, please visit our [Major Events](#) page.

Interior Health appreciates the public's patience as we work to ensure the safety of the public and our staff and physicians, given the impact of wildfire activity in the region.

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