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## Full maternity services restored at Cariboo Memorial Hospital

WILLIAMS LAKE – Interior Health (IH) is pleased to advise Cariboo families that full in-patient maternity services will resume at Cariboo Memorial Hospital (CMH) as of July 1, 2019.

Low-risk delivery services resumed on April 30, but mothers at a higher risk for complications were asked to travel to other hospitals to deliver their babies.

Sufficient numbers of fully trained maternity nurses are now in place at CMH, allowing the hospital to return to its previous level of service delivery. Mothers who go into labour prior to 35 weeks gestation may be transferred to a higher level of care facility. CMH is again able to accommodate all other births.

Maternity services were temporarily suspended at CMH at the end of February as the result of a critical shortage of maternity nurses. When full restoration starts on July 1, a cohort of experienced nurses, plus newly trained maternity nurses, will be available to cover shifts.

We would like to thank CMH staff and physicians for their flexibility and dedication during this challenging time and to our maternity nurses for their support of CMH patients in the months ahead.

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