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Interior Health begins returning 100 Mile House evacuees

100 MILE HOUSE – Interior Health has begun returning care home residents to the District of 100 Mile House, now that the Flat Lake wildfire evacuation alerts have been rescinded.

Over the coming days, Interior Health will transport 124 residents who had been evacuated back to 100 Mile House from Merritt, Kamloops, Salmon Arm and Williams Lake.

Repatriation will occur gradually to ensure appropriate staffing and resources are in place when residents return home. Families will be notified directly as their loved ones are moved back.

Anyone wishing to confirm their loved one’s evacuated location can call: 1.877.442.2001.

The 100 Mile District General Hospital was not evacuated due to the wildfire.

Interior Health would like to acknowledge the communities who received these evacuees and their accompanying staff for their support along with the incredible efforts of staff and physicians in the 100 Mile House and surrounding community, many of whom were also under evacuation alert themselves.

We also appreciate the support of local municipalities, regional districts, the BC Wildfire Service, and other partners who ensured patients, clients, and residents were kept safe during this challenging time.

Interior Health continues to monitor wildfire activity across the health authority. Wildfire planning and actions include supporting anyone who may be in isolation due to COVID-19. We will ensure separate arrangements are made for anyone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 to protect the public from potential exposure.

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

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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