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## Interior Health begins returning Chase evacuees

CHASE – Interior Health has begun to support the return of care home residents to Chase, now that evacuation alerts for that area associated with the White Rock Lake wildfire have been rescinded.

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 current location can call: 1.877.442.2001.

Interior Health supported the proactive relocation of Parkside Community Retirement Living residents and community clients with higher care needs on Aug. 7 to neighbouring communities, due to local evacuation alerts.

Normal weekday operations at the Chase Primary Health Care Centre and Chase Health Clinic were not impacted by the alerts. IH is monitoring the situation closely as the wildfire remains unpredictable.

Interior Health will continue to work closely with municipalities, regional districts, and the BC Wildfire Service to ensure precautions are underway to protect patients, clients, and residents.

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

Interior Health continues to monitor wildfire activity across the region. Wildfire planning includes 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/>