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## Interior Health declares COVID-19 outbreak on Royal Inland Hospital unit

KAMLOOPS – Interior Health has declared a COVID-19 outbreak on unit 6 South at Royal Inland Hospital (RIH).

As of Wednesday morning, seven patients and zero staff members have tested positive for COVID-19.

Although 6 South is a surgical unit, RIH surgeries are continuing at this time. Patients admitted after surgery will receive care on a different floor and 6 South is closed to admissions until further notice.

The hospital is safe to attend for appointments or emergency care. Please continue with any scheduled procedures and COVID-19 self-isolation is not required after visiting the hospital.

A team of infection control and communicable disease specialists, along with RIH clinical staff and leaders, are meeting daily to ensure all measures are being taken to prevent transmission of the virus.

“I want to assure everyone that the hospital remains safe for scheduled procedures, appointments and emergency care, and thank our hard-working staff for continuing to keep patients and visitors safe,” said Medical Health Officer Dr. Karin Goodison. “Our teams will now work together to contain this outbreak, and support patients who have tested positive for COVID-19.”

As COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift across the province, it will remain important to follow public health guidance, including washing your hands regularly and wearing a mask if you are not fully vaccinated or if you are in a place that requires it – such as a health care setting.

### Booking a COVID-19 test

You can book an appointment online through the COVID-19 Test Booking Form: <https://interiorhealthcovid.secureform.ca/index.php>

Call the COVID-19 Test Booking Line at 1-877-740-7747 for assistance with booking your test.

### How to get your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

1. Attend one of our mobile immunization clinics in your community: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/mobile-immunization-clinics-making-the-journey2immunity/>
2. Register online by visiting the provincial website at [www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/](http://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/), call 1-833-838-2323, or visit a Service BC office listed [here](#), and then book an appointment.
3. Attend an immunization clinic during drop-in hours: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-clinics/>

### How to get your second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

To get your second dose, you need to book an appointment. If you registered with the Get Vaccinated provincial registration system for your first dose, you will be notified to book an appointment for your second dose approximately 8 weeks from the date you received your first dose.

If you received your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine before the provincial registration system was available (April 6), register for your second dose at [www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](http://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca).

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