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Interior Health monitoring Nk'Mip Creek wildfire

OLIVER/OSOYOOS – Interior Health is closely monitoring the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire for impacts to health facilities and services.

COVID-19 vaccine clinics in both Oliver and Osoyoos have been cancelled for July 20 and 21 due to the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire. People with appointments are being notified of the cancellations and will be able to rebook for future days.

Anyone who still wishes to receive their vaccination may walk-in at the ongoing clinic at the Trade and Convention Centre in Penticton July 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or on July 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Interior Health is working closely with municipalities, regional districts, and the BC Wildfire Service to ensure precautions are underway to protect patients, clients, and residents should the Nk'Mip Creek wildfire situation continue to evolve.

No Interior Health facilities are currently under evacuation alert and no patients or residents have been proactively evacuated at this time. Anyone requiring emergency care should proceed to the South Okanagan General Hospital as needed.

In the event of evacuations, anyone wishing to confirm their loved one's evacuated location can call: 1.877.442.2001.

Interior Health also 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/>

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