



Interior Health



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## Interior Health statement on planned protests

IH-WIDE – While Interior Health respects the right of individuals to peacefully protest, we are urging those intent of demonstrating to avoid any actions that may impact access to health services for those who need it and to be respectful of the staff and physicians who are providing these vital services.

Interior Health encourages individuals voicing dissent to avoid any and all settings where health care is provided as this may put people who need care at risk.

Specifically, protesting on the premises of the Interior Health Community Health Services Centre (at 505 Doyle Ave., Kelowna), or at any hospital, health centre or health facility in Interior Health, is strictly prohibited, in order to safeguard access for individuals requiring treatment and patient care. Any individual protesting on the premises is a “trespasser” pursuant to the *Trespass Act* and is subject to arrest and prosecution.

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