

For Immediate Release | June 8, 2019

Temporary closure of emergency department at Arrow Lakes Hospital

NAKUSP – Nakusp and area residents are advised that, due to unexpected and temporary limited staffing availability, the emergency department at the Arrow Lakes Hospital will be closed from midnight tonight (June 8) overnight until 7 a.m. Sunday morning (June 9).

Patients requiring acute care services will be transferred to the most appropriate and closest acute care facility beginning at noon today until 7 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Interior Health regrets this closure and reminds residents to take note of the following if they require care while the emergency department is closed:

- In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 and you will be taken to the nearest health care facility.
- Visit the emergency department at one of the following facilities:
 - Vernon Jubilee Hospital – 2101 – 32nd St., Vernon
 - Queen Victoria Hospital – 1200 Newlands Rd., Revelstoke
 - Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital – 1200 Hospital Bench, Trail
 - Kootenay Lake Hospital – 3 View Street, Nelson
- Call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 (24 hour service) if you are unsure of your need to seek emergency care

The emergency department at Arrow Lakes Hospital will resume regular operation as of 7 a.m. Sunday morning.

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