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## Arrow Lakes Hospital Emergency Department temporary service change

Nakusp – Residents are advised that due to unexpected limited nurse availability at the Arrow Lakes Hospital, the emergency department (ED) **will be closed for six hours early Sunday morning, June 24, only.**

The ED will close on Sunday, June 24 at 1 a.m. and will re-open at 7 a.m.

Services outside these hours remain unchanged. ED services normally operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Interior Health regrets this interruption to our normal emergency department services. Residents should take note of the following if they require care when the emergency department is closed:

- In the event of an emergency, call **9-1-1**.
- Visit 24/7 emergency departments at:
  - Slokan Community Health Centre – New Denver.
  - Kootenay Lake Hospital – Nelson.
- Call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (24 hour service) if you are unsure about your need to go to the emergency department.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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