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Planning underway to restore all health services in Williams Lake

WILLIAMS LAKE – With the recent evacuation alert now lifted for Williams Lake, Interior Health (IH) is planning to resume services in a phased approach.

Please note that maternity, oncology, renal, and inpatient surgical services at Cariboo Memorial Hospital remain closed at this time. Patients will be advised directly when these services resume.

In addition to hospital services, IH is working with Northern Health on the repatriation of approximately 240 health-care clients. These individuals include residential and assisted living clients, home health clients, and hospital patients, the majority who were relocated to facilities in Northern Health in early July when Williams Lake was placed on evacuation alert.

Assisted living clients will be the initial focus of repatriation efforts, with residential care clients and lastly hospital patients to follow, given their higher care needs.

IH is in the process of contacting families of clients to inform them of the staged returns.

We appreciate the understanding and support of clients, patients and families, as well as physicians and staff, over the past weeks; and would also like to thank Northern Health for their significant assistance and effort.

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