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Royal Inland Hospital – Temporary Changes to Site Access

KAMLOOPS – As site preparation begins for Royal Inland Hospital’s new Clinical Services Building, residents are advised to take note of the following changes when accessing the hospital campus, beginning the week of September 9th:

- **The east staircase** that is currently used to connect RIH to the Ponderosa Lodge residential care facility **will be closed**, and eventually removed as part of the site excavation and relocation of utilities.
- **The sidewalk in front of Ponderosa** on Columbia Street between 3rd and 4th avenues **will be closed**. All foot traffic will be rerouted to the main staircase and walkway on the west side of the hospital, located at the intersection of 3rd Avenue and Columbia Street.
- Note: **There will be no changes to vehicle access** to the hospital at this time.

In addition to the above, the Ponderosa Lodge visitor/staff parking lot will be closed for approximately eight weeks to accommodate construction. Interior Health is aware of the inconvenience this may cause for Ponderosa residents and staff, but would ask for patience as this measure is temporary and necessary for work to begin on the Clinical Services Building, which will expand patient care services at Royal Inland Hospital. Arrangements for temporary parking places have been made through Ponderosa Lodge – please ask at Ponderosa reception for more information.

Interior Health is doing everything it can to ensure patients at and visitors to RIH experience as little inconvenience as possible during the coming months of construction. Updates will be provided as new stages in the project are reached.

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