

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCMENT

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Temporary service changes at Slocan Community Health Centre

NEW DENVER – Residents are advised that Interior Health is continuing the temporarily reduced emergency department hours at the Slocan Community Health Centre.

While the COVID-19 related staffing pressures and staff sick calls are diminishing, Interior Health is actively recruiting to fill two full-time registered nurse vacancies to this community before staffing will be sufficiently stabilized.

Emergency department hours temporarily remain 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Interior Health 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 911.
- Visit the emergency department at Arrow Lakes Hospital, 97 1st Ave NE, Nakusp (47 km away)
- Call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 (24 hour service) if you are unsure of your need to seek emergency care.

Interior Health will provide an update as soon as we are able to return to normal operations.

For additional information, please visit <u>www.interiorhealth.ca/temporary-service-changes</u>.

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We recognize and acknowledge that we are collectively gathered on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the seven Interior Region First Nations. This region is also home to 15 Chartered Métis Communities. It is with humility that we continue to strengthen our relationships with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples across the Interior.