

AHS Messages Regarding Re-entry

High Level and Area, June 2019



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- The Northwest Health Centre (NWHC) in High Level has remained operational with minimal staffing throughout the evacuation.
- The NWHC is open for urgent and emergent medical care only.
- During re-entry and in the first few days following re-entry, core services will be available at the hospital. The NWHC will return to full operating capacity as soon as possible.
- AHS is working with the local community to develop strategies to mitigate the risks for individuals with complex medical needs.

Residents with the following medical conditions or situations should **not** return to the community until the NWHC is fully operational and the air quality in the area has improved:

- A chronic or acute medical condition, such as asthma
- Anyone requiring regular primary care, specialist care, laboratory or diagnostic services
- Anyone more than 36 weeks pregnant or with a high-risk pregnancy
- Anyone receiving cancer treatment, dialysis or other specialized medical services
- Anyone requiring home care, home oxygen or home health supports
- Anyone recently discharged from hospital or who has had a transplant

Call Health Link at 811 if you have questions about re-entry and your health.

Mental Health Supports

Returning home after a wildfire evacuation can be a particularly stressful and traumatic experience. If you need to talk, supports are available 24/7 through the Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642 or Health Link at 811.

Walk-in services for individuals with post-wildfire psychological wellness, mental health or addiction concerns will be available at the Addiction and Mental Health Clinic at the Northwest Health Centre throughout the re-entry period:

- Hours for the walk-in service will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.
- The Addiction and Mental Health Clinic will resume regular operations for existing clients on Monday, June 10, 2019.
- If you have questions, the clinic can be reached directly at 780-841-3229.