



BULLETIN

A message for HSA members from HSA President Val Avery on the BC wild fires

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I am writing during an incredibly frightening time for many British Columbians, and am reaching out to HSA members in the areas hit by wild fires to let you know your union is thinking of you, and we are here to assist you as needed. Our thoughts are with residents, emergency crews, and the health care and social services workers in the region who are working tirelessly to support patients and clients in this natural disaster, even as you face personal losses.

First off, I want to encourage you to do whatever is needed to keep you and your families safe.

Secondly, I want to let you know that your union has contacted Interior Health Authority to advocate for continuation of pay so that you can focus your energy on getting through this time of upheaval without having to worry about losing your income.

For members who are working at alternate locations, Interior Health has set up a toll-free hotline to answer questions you may have. Call 1 855 802 9944. Employees are asked to leave a message and calls will be returned as quickly as possible.

Members are asked to call IH Staffing Services at 1 888 877 7707 to provide them with an update of your status and availability.

If you are working at an alternate site, IHA's Carrie Burton is coordinating accommodations and can be reached at 250 540 7060.

In case you aren't aware, if you are under an Evacuation Order you are eligible to register with Canadian Red Cross. Please register online at redcross.ca/gethelp or call the contact centre at 1 800 863 6582 to have an agent help you register.

If you have any questions or need labour relations assistance from HSA, please don't hesitate to contact me at webpres@hsabc.org and I will be sure to put you in touch with the right staff here at HSA.

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