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Temporary service interruption at South Okanagan General Hospital emergency department

OLIVER – Oliver and area residents are advised of temporary changes to emergency department hours at [South Okanagan General Hospital](#) due to limited physician availability.

Emergency services will be unavailable from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Patients can access care at [Penticton Regional Hospital](#) during this time.

All other inpatient services will continue as normal at South Okanagan General Hospital.

People in the community who need life-threatening emergency care (i.e., chest pains, difficulty breathing, severe bleeding) should always call 9-1-1 for transport to the nearest available and appropriate facility.

Anyone unsure whether an emergency room visit is warranted can call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1, or visit www.HealthLinkBC.ca for non-emergency health information from nurses, dietitians and pharmacists 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

The emergency department in Oliver is normally open 24/7.

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