

Evacuation Decision Support Tool

Instructions

This **Evacuation Decision Support Tool** is based on a risk informed approach and may be used to help determine whether to evacuate a healthcare facility. The decision to evacuate is often complex; it may be an ongoing decision during a slow onset event (e.g., approaching wildfire) or an immediate decision depending on the degree of risk. This tool can be used for a variety of scenarios that may warrant an evacuation at patient/resident/client facilities within the province (e.g., wildfires, floods, hazardous leaks/spills, etc.).

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Email	<i>Note: If there is an evacuation order, the site must evacuate. This tool is for areas on alert and areas of concern.</i>

Risk Matrix

Evacuation Triggers	Description	Low	Med	High	N/A	Comments
1. Deteriorating weather forecast	Low: Long-range forecast threat with high/low degree of certainty Med: Weather warning High: Short-range forecast threat					
2. Risk losing escape route(s)	Low: Potential loss of egress route(s) Med: Loss of alternate egress route High: Loss of primary egress route					
3. Proximity of threat	Low: > 20 km Med: 10 to 20 km High: < 10 km and or threat moving direction of facility					
4. Distance to alternative care facility	Low: < 50 km Med: 50 to 100 km High: > 100 km					
5. Threats to infrastructure*	Low: Risk of power/potable water/sewage loss Med: Risk of power/potable water/sewage loss High: Loss of power/potable water/sewer					
6. Local staffing (impact of orders/alerts)	Low: 75-100% baseline Med: 50-75% baseline High: < 50% baseline					
7. Local non-emergency transport resources (e.g., BC Transit, Handi-Dart)	Low: Limited # of wheelchair accessible buses Med: None (get from community < 100 km away) High: None (get from community > 100 km away)					
8. Number of patients/residents/clients to evacuate	Low: Less than 50 Med: 50 to 100 High: > 100 Note: consider mobility and acuity					

* Consult subject matter experts for updates as required