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Nursing service changes on Galiano Island

Island Health is realigning nursing services on Galiano Island to better meet the needs of the residents.

Effective November 21, 2014, Island Health and Home and Community Care Nursing on Galiano Island will be provided through a half-time position.

Previously, Home and Community Care nursing in the region was provided by a half-time nurse who split duties between Galiano and Mayne Island clients. Community members have expressed a need for increased home care nursing on Galiano and this change acknowledges this need.

The realignment of nursing services will mean there is no longer a first call relief nurse on Galiano Island during weekends. Islanders requiring medical attention outside of regular hours of the [Galiano Health Care Centre](#) can continue to contact the practitioner on-call – pager 1-800-866-5602.

For a serious or life-threatening emergency call **911** 24-hours a day, seven-days a week.

Islanders can also call HealthLink BC at **811**. Registered nurses and other health care professionals are available 24-hours a day, seven-days a week at that toll-free number to answer your health questions.

In addition to Home and Community Care nursing, Island Health has supported a strong primary care presence on Galiano Island with a combination of Physician services and Nurse Practitioner services provided through the [Galiano Health Care Centre](#), 250-539-3230.

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