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TAKING CARE OF OUR PATIENTS DURING THE LAKE CHRISTINE FIRE

By Garry Schalla, Development Director

The community response to the Lake Christine Fire near Basalt is an inspiring demonstration of neighbors, officials, and organizations doing everything possible to support those affected by the fire. Mountain Family Health Centers has been honored to support our Roaring Fork Valley patients and residents suffering from smoke inhalation and other problems related to the fire. In order to keep our employees and safe, we closed our Basalt health center for three days during the early days of the Lake Christine Fire. We have reopened the health center and continue serving new and existing patients at that location and continue to offer services for smoke inhalation and more.



For residents experiencing breathing issues, Mountain Family Health Centers' Dr. Anneliese Heckert recommends the following:

- Please go down valley and out of the fire area, if possible.
- Wildfire smoke will affect those with chronic lung disease the most (COPD, emphysema and asthma), as well as older adults and young children. For CDC tips on staying healthy, [click here](#).
- Keep indoor air as clean as possible if you are advised to stay indoors. Keep windows and doors closed. Run an air conditioner but keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent outdoor smoke from getting inside. If you do not have an air conditioner and it is too warm to stay inside with the windows closed, seek shelter in a designated evacuation center or away from the affected area.
- Do not rely on dust masks for protection. Paper "comfort" or "dust" masks commonly found at hardware stores are designed to trap large particles, such as sawdust. These masks will *not* protect your lungs from the small particles found in wildfire smoke.
- We have open appointments in Basalt and Glenwood Springs for patients experiencing any breathing problems. To make an appointment please call 970-945-2840 during regular business hours.

For more resources on the status of the Lake Christine Fire and to help our patients stay safe during the fire, here are some contact numbers and links for the latest information:

Community information line regarding the Lake Christine Fire: 970-510-0705

Eagle County Sheriff Department:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/EagleCountySO

Website - www.eaglecounty.us/Sheriff

Pitkin County Sheriff Department:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/PitkinSheriff

Website - www.pitkincounty.com/149/Sheriff

CELEBRATING FIREFIGHTERS

Mountain Family Health Centers would like to thank firefighters for their powerful, professional response to the Lake Christine Fire. Local firefighters are an essential part of that effort and Mountain Family is proud of Broc Brown, volunteer firefighter and EMT with the [Basalt and Rural Fire Protection District \(basaltfire.org\)](http://basaltfire.org). Broc is Clinical Operations Manager for our Glenwood Springs health center.

Thank you for your help responding to the Lake Christine Fire, Broc.



CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED & A NEW GOAL FOR BUILDING HEALTH FOR ALL: THE BASALT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER CAMPAIGN

We are excited to reach \$1.15 million for our capital campaign in support of our new Basalt Integrated Health Center. We'd like to thank our donors so far and will continue to reach out to other partner organizations and residents who are interested in supporting expanding medical, dental, and behavioral health services in one location in the Roaring Fork Valley. The new location will mean we can expand the number of patients treated at our Basalt health center from 2,000 to 3,700.



We are increasing our goal to \$3.4 million for our campaign, due to increasing construction costs. We are confident we can reach our goal. The Building Health for All: The Basalt Integrated Health Center Campaign will fund moving our Basalt health center to a new location at 123 Emma Road in Basalt. (This is in the same building as Subway and Stubbies Bar & Eatery and across Highway 82 from our current mid-Valley location.) The Basalt Integrated Health Center is set to open in January 2019 and will help Mountain Family achieve its goal of providing fully integrated clinics with medical, dental and behavioral care throughout the Western Slope's Eagle, Roaring Fork and Colorado River valleys.

To join the Basalt capital campaign, please [give now](#) or contact Development Director Garry Schalla at gschalla@mountainfamily.org.

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