



WHAT IS A DISASTER FIRST AID STATION (DFAS)?

A DFAS is a medical clinic in the Comox Valley that has agreed to provide first aid and basic medical care to the public in the event of a major disaster.



WHEN AND HOW ARE THEY ACTIVATED?

The medical clinic assumes the role as a DFAS upon request of the Comox Valley Emergency Program (CVEP) or if the need is very clear, such as after a severe earthquake.



HOW MANY DFAS CLINICS ARE THERE?

Currently there are 5 DFAS clinics (see list and map). These clinics were chosen based on their seismic resilience, geographic location, closeness to a pharmacy and ability to respond in a crisis. Other clinics may be added in the future.



SUPPORT & GUIDANCE

This initiative is supported by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC and Health Emergency Management BC. Its development has been guided by the principles identified in the Canadian Medical Association Code of Ethics, the College of Family Physicians of Canada recommendations and the Emergency Program Act of BC.

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES LOOK FOR THIS SIGN



AND BE PREPARED:

AT HOME, AT WORK, IN YOUR CAR.

MAKE A KIT,
HAVE A PLAN, START TODAY!

HELPFUL LINKS

Comox Valley Emergency Program

www.comoxvalleyemergencyprogram.com

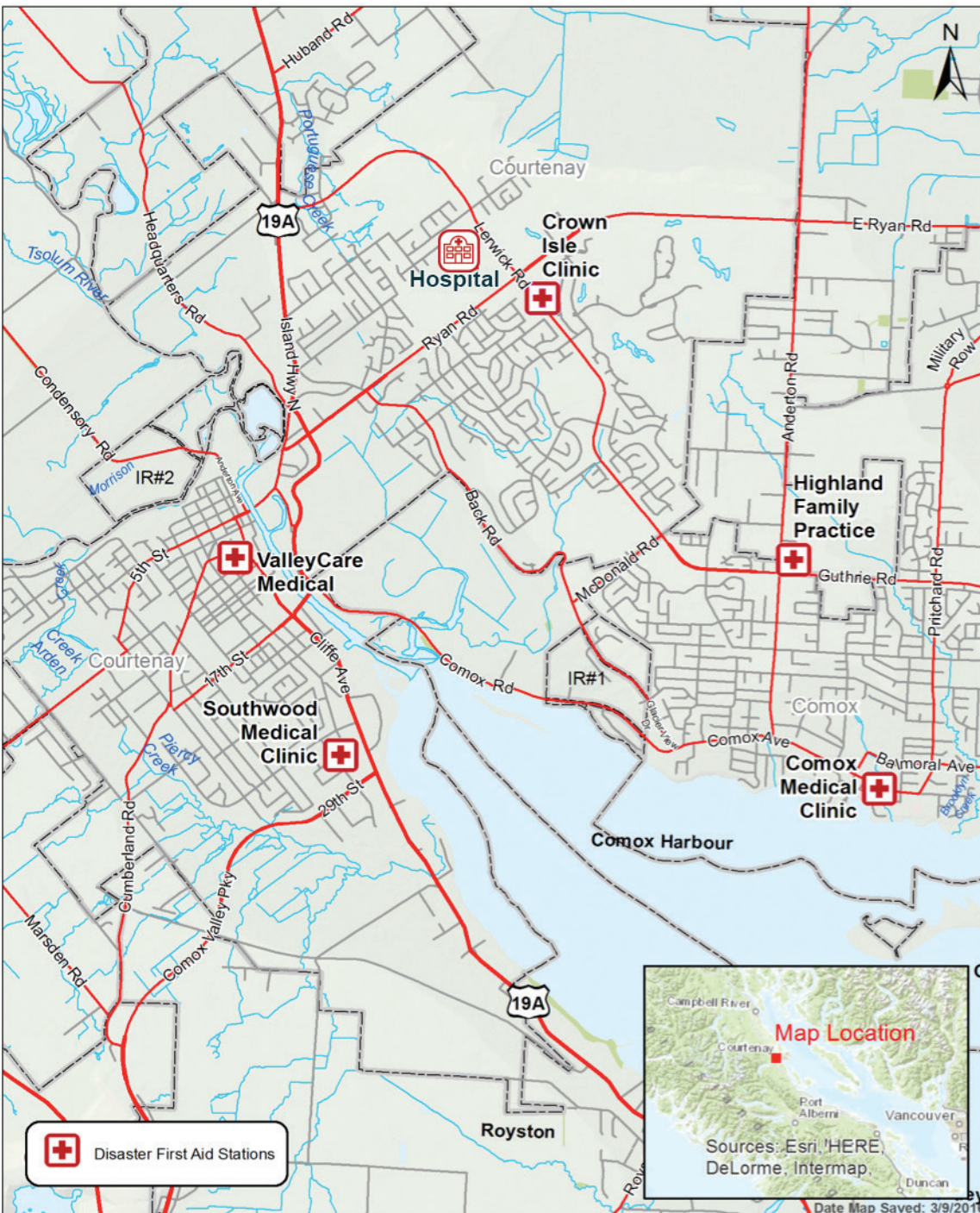
Government of BC

www.gov.bc.ca/preparedbc

Government of Canada

www.GetPrepared.ca





COMOX VALLEY DFAS CLINIC LOCATIONS

(see map)

COMOX MEDICAL CLINIC

100, 1695 Comox Ave., Comox BC

CROWN ISLE CLINIC

300, 444 Lerwick Rd., Courtenay, BC

HIGHLAND FAMILY PRACTICE

107C, 1966 Guthrie Rd., Comox, BC

SOUTHWOOD MEDICAL CLINIC

1700, 2751 Cliffe Ave., Courtenay, BC

VALLEYCARE MEDICAL

Unit E, 310 8th Street, Courtenay, BC

“ Our plan centres on increasing patient treatment capacity and reducing the distance between residents and medical care. Based on strategic locations throughout our region, we are identifying clinics which can serve as Disaster First Aid Stations to provide triage and as treatment centres for ambulatory patients. ”

- Comox Valley Division of Family Practice