1.1 million people in North Gaza and Gaza governorates (north of Wadi Gaza) were ordered by Israeli forces to evacuate. Mass displacement of people poses major public health concerns including related to inadequate food, water, and shelter, and immediate risk of communicable disease outbreaks that would disproportionately impact the most vulnerable groups such as neonates, children, immune-compromised people, the elderly, and pregnant women. Displacement has also resulted in the crowding of some hospitals as people seek safety.

Hospitals in northern Gaza have also been ordered to evacuate by the Israeli forces. The order is applicable to 23 hospitals in Gaza and North Gaza governorates, affecting over 2000 patients. There is no capacity for hospitals in the south to receive such vast numbers of patients. Such movement would pose an immediate threat to the lives of patients.

On 15 October, Kuwaiti Hospital in Rafah was also ordered to evacuate.

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