



## COVID-19 SUNSHINE COAST EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE BULLETIN

March 25, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

This is the official communication for the Level 2 Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for the Sunshine Coast Regional District, District of Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District and Town of Gibsons.

The following information is accurate as of the time of this bulletin.

**Number of confirmed cases in BC: 617 confirmed cases as of 3PM March 24, 2020**

**Number of cases in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region: 330 as of 3PM March 24, 2020**

### Recent Updates

- **BC Parks** has implemented closures of parks throughout the province. For a list of current park closures due to COVID-19 visit <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/> (list at bottom of page).
- **BC Ferries:** BC Ferries is suspending the 'L' run, where one of the Horseshoe Bay-Nanaimo ferries would serve the Langdale route for a couple of trips each day and vice versa. [Here](#) is the service notice with more information.
- **All travellers returning to Canada** — with the exception of what the federal government is calling "essential workers" — will have to enter a mandatory 14-day quarantine as of midnight to try to slow the spread of COVID-19, federal Health Minister Patty Hajdu said this morning.
- **Social distancing reminder:** Practice social distancing. This means keeping a distance of at least two arms-length (approximately two metres) from others - including when you are out at a park, a trail and any of our beaches.
- **Garbage Collection reminder:** Please wear gloves and wash your hands after you collect your garbage can from the curb as it was just handled by someone else. If possible, sanitize your garbage can prior to returning it to your home.
- **Public washrooms** at Winegarden Park and Armour's Beach in Gibsons remain open.

- **ICBC customers** can temporarily extend their driver's licence over the phone, and up to six weeks in advance of the expiry date, by contacting ICBC's Driver Licensing Call Centre at 1-800-950-1498. Learn more: <http://ow.ly/YN8C50yUGdU>. If your insurance is due to expire, please call your Autoplan broker. Many insurance transactions can now be done through phone and email.
- **Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue** - Station 14 Gibsons is standing down in order to help stem the spread of **#COVID19**. If you plan to be out on the water, please be safe and mindful of the risks.

### Vancouver Coastal Health

- Vancouver Coastal Health is restricting visitors to essential visits only at all facilities including hospitals, community, long-term care, assisted living sites, community health centres and clinics. More details [here](#).
- BC's Ministry of Health has released [a new app](#) for information and alerts on the coronavirus pandemic.

Please check out the [BC Ministry of Health COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool](#)

### Emergency Operations Centre (Level 2)

- The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has activated the Emergency Operation Centre.
- The EOC meets daily with staff from all Sunshine Coast municipal governments and key stakeholders to combine resources and share information.

### Local Government Service/Operations Updates

For information and updates on the status of local government services, please refer to the appropriate website:

District of Sechelt, visit [www.sechelt.ca/Live/COVID-19-Municipal-Updates](http://www.sechelt.ca/Live/COVID-19-Municipal-Updates)

Town of Gibsons, visit [www.gibsons.ca/covid-19](http://www.gibsons.ca/covid-19)

Sechelt Indian Government District, visit [www.shishalh.com](http://www.shishalh.com)

Sunshine Coast Regional District, visit [www.scrd.ca/covid-19-updates](http://www.scrd.ca/covid-19-updates)

To learn the difference between self-monitoring, self-isolating and isolation, please visit this [Government of Canada Health Services page](#)

### Information on financial assistance

This assistance is offered through the federal government 1-800-622-6232

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html>

### Reliable sources of information

Vancouver Coastal Health <http://www.vch.ca/>

BC Centre for Disease Control <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>

Public Health Agency for Canada <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

### Media sources of Information

- Coast Reporter – dedicated COVID 19 section: [www.coastreporter.net/covid-19](http://www.coastreporter.net/covid-19)
- The Local Weekly: [www.thelocalweekly.ca/](http://www.thelocalweekly.ca/)
- Eastlink Community TV daily at 5:30, 7:30 and 10:00 PM: [www.eastlink.ca/about/about-us/community-tv](http://www.eastlink.ca/about/about-us/community-tv)
- Coast FM: [www.mycoastnow.com/category/news/](http://www.mycoastnow.com/category/news/)

