



# COVID-19 SUNSHINE COAST EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE BULLETIN

April 3, 2020

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: 1,121 confirmed cases as of April 2.**

**Number of cases in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region: 525 as of April 2.**

## Recent Updates

- **Sunshine Coast Transit:** Effective Monday, April 6, Sunshine Coast transit schedules will be adjusted in response to COVID-19. Saturday level service on all routes will be in effect Monday through Sunday. Please remember to practice physical distancing on the bus, use the rear door and note that transit is not collecting fares at this time. For more information, visit [bctransit.com/Sunshine-Coast](http://bctransit.com/Sunshine-Coast)
- **Backyard/open burning ban:** There is an open burning ban in place. Campfires (0.5 x 0.5 metres max) are currently allowed. To report a violation, click [here](#).
- **Sechelt Farmers' and Artisans' Market Online Platform:** the Sechelt Market does not want to risk exposure of COVID-19 to vendors or customers, therefore they are offering an on online market that will open at [www.secheltmarket.com](http://www.secheltmarket.com) on April 4 with the first pick up date set for April 11 and every Saturday thereafter.
- **Community Task Force:** The [Sunshine Coast Community Task force](#) is a team of dedicated volunteers, government agencies and community organizations who are addressing the unique problems we face on the Sunshine Coast because of Covid-19.
- **Factsheet for renters and landlords:** The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has provided an [update](#) for renters and landlords on COVID-19 related policies and programs.
- **New guidelines for bylaw officers enforcing COVID-19 orders:** The provincial health officer (PHO) has issued new [guidelines](#) to support compliance with orders on business closures and gatherings, under the Public Health Act.
- **Business Watch Program:** The Town of Gibsons is looking for volunteers for its newly launched [Business Watch Program](#).

- **BC One:** If you are a homeowner about to dig on or around your property contact BC One at [www.bc1c.ca](http://www.bc1c.ca) or call 1-800-474-6886.
- **Non-flushables** - local sewage systems are continuing to be affected by non-flushables, such as disposable wipes, cigarette butts, condoms, and personal hygiene products such as dental floss, Q-tips and other plastics items. Please do not treat your toilet like a trash can.
- **Loose tissues** - our waste collection partners are seeing an abundance of unbagged tissues in the trash. Your garbage will not be collected if items like tissues, wipes or latex gloves are not bagged, as they represent a health risk.
- **Excess garbage** - a reminder that the maximum weight for one can of trash is 20kg. Excess garbage tickets are still available for purchase through your local government.
- **Stay home:** If the Sunshine Coast is not your primary residence, please consider staying at your primary residence unless you feel that you can help support and enhance essential services, and/or help protect the health and well-being of the community.

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/)