



# COVID-19 SUNSHINE COAST EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE BULLETIN

April 8, 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: 1,291 confirmed cases as of April 7.**

**Number of cases in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region: 603 as of April 7.**

## Recent Updates

- **New Transport Canada Screening Requirements at BC Ferries:** For any route longer than 30 minutes, BC Ferries will screen all customers for COVID-19 symptoms and restrict travel to any customer that does not meet the screening requirements. Prior to boarding a BC Ferries ship, customers will need to answer questions to which they must answer truthfully. More details [here](#).
- **Transit Notice for Easter Weekend:** Transit will be running on the SATURDAY SCHEDULE on Friday, April 10, Good Friday and Monday, April 13, Easter Monday. HandyDART will not be in service. Please remember to practice physical distancing on the bus. For more information, visit [bctransit.com/Sunshine-Coast](http://bctransit.com/Sunshine-Coast).
- **All Provincial Parks now closed:** BC Parks is immediately closing all provincial parks in response to the widespread call for increased action to address COVID-19. [News Release](#).
- **Canada Emergency Response Benefit:** is now available at [Canada.ca](http://Canada.ca) or at 1-800-959-2041.
- **Canadians returning home:** The Government of Canada is advising that all Canadians and permanent residents returning to Canada will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and must complete a contact form to help the Public Health Agency of Canada monitor and enforce the 14-day self-isolation requirement. News release [here](#).
- **FortisBC new financial support:** FortisBC received interim approval from the BC Utilities Commission to implement its COVID-19 [Customer Recovery Fund](#), a program that provides new support measures for residential and small business customers who are facing financial challenges as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Fund will be available to natural gas, propane and electric customers.

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/)