



COVID-19 SUNSHINE COAST EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE BULLETIN

April 15, 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: 1,517 confirmed cases as of April 14.

Number of cases in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region: 658 as of April 14.

Recent Updates

- **Sechelt Landfill and Pender Harbour Transfer Station:** In order to ensure the safety of staff and residents, the acceptance of mattresses at the Sechelt Landfill and the Pender Harbour Transfer Station has been temporarily suspended.
- **Washrooms and showers:** Showers and bathrooms at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre (SAC) and the Gibsons and District Aquatic Facility (GDAF) are currently open **through to April 18, 2020. Continued operations remains under review beyond that date.** Hours of operation: **Washrooms** - Monday to Sunday at both facilities from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Showers** - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at GDAF and Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at SAC from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Food banks on the Sunshine Coast:** For a full list of food banks and hours of operation, visit, <http://resourcecentre.ca/category/food-banks>
- [The Sunshine Coast Division of Family Practice](#) has produced a Public Service Announcement on COVID-19, starring many familiar faces from around the Sunshine Coast. [You can view it here.](#)
- **Non-medical cloth masks:** The Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Henry issued a statement on non-medical cloth masks during COVID-19. Statement can be found [here.](#)
- **Temporary Rental Supplement:** To support renters who are facing a loss of income during the pandemic, a new Temporary Rental Supplement will offer up to \$500 monthly to pay a portion of their rent. More details [here.](#)
- **Canada emergency response benefit expanded:** Seasonal workers and those who have recently run out of employment insurance will also now be eligible for [CERB](#). People who make less than \$1,000 a month due to reduced work hours will also qualify.

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

Town of Gibsons, visit www.gibsons.ca/covid-19

Sechelt Indian Government District, visit www.shishalh.com

Sunshine Coast Regional District, visit 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
- The Local Weekly: www.thelocalweekly.ca/
- Eastlink Community TV daily at 5:30, 7:30 and 10:00 PM: www.eastlink.ca/about/about-us/community-tv
- Coast FM: www.mycoastnow.com/category/news/