



DISTRICT OF STEWART

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DISTRICT OF STEWART MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 Measures March 19, 2020

The COVID-19 situation in British Columbia is continually evolving and the information below is current as of 3 pm Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

In response to the recommendations and guidance put forth by the Federal and Provincial governments, the District of Stewart is responding in the following ways:

- **Gatherings of more than 50 people will be cancelled.**
- **The Museum and Public Library are closed until further notice.**
- **The District of Stewart will ensure that all essential services will be provided.**

The District office remains open to the public as of today. We are recommending that instead of coming into the District Office in person, we are encouraging you to consider alternate means of contacting staff such as by telephone 250-636-2251 or email info@districtofstewart.com

What You Can Do

- Maintain social distancing; maintain a distance of 2 meters from others.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often for at least 20 seconds.
- If a sink is not available, alcohol-based hand rubs can be used.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve.
- Stay home if you are sick.

The coronavirus outbreak will be proving a lonely and difficult time for many, whether or not they have symptoms. Around the country, large numbers of people will be at home in self-isolation, while others may be afraid to leave their homes, especially if they're in a vulnerable age group or with pre-existing conditions.

Reach out to the seniors and vulnerable groups we know around us and see what extra help they might need right now, while keeping proper social distancing in mind.

Please see the following links for additional information:

- An online self-assessment tool to help to determine further assessment needs for testing related to COVID-19 is available here: <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca>
- BC Centre for Disease Control: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>
- Health Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>
- Northern Health: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/>
- <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

Should you believe you may have been in contact with the virus, follow Northern Health guidelines by staying at home and call the Northern Health COVID-19 line at 1-844-645-7811.

Further information will be posted on the District of Stewart Facebook page and website at www.districtofstewart.com as it becomes available.

We thank everyone for their cooperation and patience at this time.