



COVID-19 SUNSHINE COAST EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE BULLETIN

April 6, 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: 1,203 confirmed cases as of April 4.

Number of cases in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region: 554 as of April 4.

Recent Updates

- **BC Ferries:** Service reductions have gone into effect, for a period of 60 days on major routes and until further notice on other routes. [News release](#).
- **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
- **BC Hydro Customer Assistance Program** - BC Hydro is offering a program which allows residential and business customers the option of deferring bill payments or arranging for flexible payment plans with no penalty. Learn more [here](#). BC Hydro also halted all service disconnections for non-payment and cancelled all non-emergency planned power outages affecting its customers.
- **BC One Call:** If you are a homeowner about to dig on or around your property contact BC One Call at www.bc1c.ca or call 1-800-474-6886.
- **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.
- **Physical distancing:** [Physical distancing](#) means limiting close contact with others. When outside of your home, practicing social distancing by keeping two meters (six feet) away from one another is something we can all do to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

- **Vancouver Coastal Health** - a reminder that people who require urgent health care should not avoid calling their physician or going to the hospital. Please continue to access health services as needed.

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/