

[pro-isle4] COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and Beacon House - Useful Links for You

Hello Protection Islanders.

The Beacon House community centre is a city-owned facility operated by the Lions Club for the City of Nanaimo and the residents of Protection Island. It is a place we gather for various purposes. As such, your Lions Club is monitoring the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation to the best of our ability. I am writing to provide some useful information for community members.

It is important that we access and share reliable information, and that we each act on that information in a responsible manner to control the potential spread of the virus. We should not panic. The Lions Club will monitor and comply with specific actions being directed by the various levels of government and healthcare officials as it relates to Beacon House. Individually, we each need to make our own informed decisions about appropriate precautions given our personal circumstances (age, health status, travel plans, etc.).

Currently, the City of Nanaimo is continuing to operate all recreational and cultural programs, so our formal position is that Beacon House remains open for business. We will monitor the situation with the City and keep you posted. Even though there has been no order to cancel public events, if Beacon House users feel they want to postpone or cancel the events they are responsible for, that is entirely understandable, and your wishes will be supported by the Lions Club. Please contact Peter Frewin if you wish to make changes to your bookings. If we receive different official direction, we will take appropriate action. Here is a link to the City's most recent news release on this topic:

<https://www.nanaimo.ca/NewsReleases/NR200309UpdateOnCoronavirusCOVID19.html>

Here is a link to the **Government of Canada's** COVID-19 outbreak update page. This page provides current statistics for Canada, but most importantly, it has numerous other links that provide detailed information such as symptoms and treatment, prevention and risks, being prepared, travel advice, and various other guidance documents. This is a treasure trove of reliable information.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

This is the link for the **BC Centre for Disease Control's** COVID-19 information. It has links that provide more information about the virus, community resources, and self-isolation information for those whose circumstances warrant (e.g., returning travellers, contact with infected individuals, etc.). There is much good information here.

[http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)#Information--about--the--virus](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel)#Information--about--the--virus)

This is the **BC Office of Provincial Health Officer's** information sheet for people who are self-isolating due to COVID-19. It is worth noting that all major Canadian airports

now have screening protocols in place and information bulletins that warn travelers about the potential need to self-isolate.

<http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Guidelines%20and%20Forms/Guidelines%20and%20Manuals/Epid/CD%20Manual/Chapter%201%20-%20CDC/COVID19-Self-isolation-for-contacts-travellers.pdf>

This is the **Island Health** information page for COVID-19 information and response – it has several other links that are useful and current.

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/diseases-conditions/novel-coronavirus-information>

We should each keep apprised of changes to the current status, as things might change quickly.

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