

**For Immediate Release
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COVID-19 Information for District Operations

At this unique moment for Ucluelet, Canada, and the world, the District of Ucluelet would like to thank our community for your calm and patience as we monitor the COVID-19 situation and determine the best steps forward for our community.

The District of Ucluelet continues to actively monitor information provided by Federal and Provincial agencies with regards to the spread and severity of coronavirus (COVID-19). Our immediate priority is the safety of our residents and staff. With this in mind, the District will be taking the following precautionary steps:

- 1. Starting Monday March 16th, the District Office at 200 Main Street will be closed to the public for an initial period of two weeks.** Staff will be available for all District inquiries via phone (726-7744) or email at info@ucluelet.ca. Payments can still be made to the District through online banking or by Canada Post.
- 2. The District is considering a transition to limited access of the Ucluelet Community Centre starting next week.** Spring Break programs will continue at this time as planned.

This will have an impact on our family-friendly community, but the District staff will continue to be available during normal business hours. We ask that residents continue to be diligent with handwashing and distancing from others. The District has increased surface cleaning activities and the availability of sanitizer at the Community Centre. Our Chief Administrative Officer, Fire Chief, and Council will monitor the COVID-19 situation as it evolves and will be providing further updates.

According to the BCCDC the risk of the virus spreading remains low.

The public health risk is continually reassessed as new information becomes available. Residents are encouraged to stay up-to-date regularly by visiting these Federal and Provincial links:

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

<http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/information-on-novel-coronavirus>

For more information visit www.ucluelet.ca or contact the District of Ucluelet at 250-726-7744.