

**For Immediate Release
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COVID-19 Update #4

The District of Ucluelet would like to thank our residents and businesses for their response to the COVID-19 crisis. This is an unprecedented time and we greatly appreciate the positive and caring response that we have seen from our community.

To keep our residents and businesses informed, we have summarized the following status update:

- We thank our local accommodation providers for their tremendous level of response to this crisis, our town has quieted down significantly as our businesses have made the difficult decision to voluntarily close in response to requests from our local leaders.
- The District of Ucluelet has activated the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to a Level 2 to monitor the COVID-19 situation and prepare for the coming challenges.
- The option to activate a local state of emergency is not recommended by the EOC team at this time and this is in line with our regional partners.
- The District office, Community Centre, and playgrounds remain closed to the public. SD 70 playgrounds have also been closed to the public.
- District parks and trails remain open at present and we ask that you practice social distancing at all times.
- The District is working with the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Ucluelet to identify how to best support our local businesses now and over the coming weeks.

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. 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>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

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

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