



COVID-19 SUNSHINE COAST EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE BULLETIN

April 22, 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: 1,724 confirmed cases as of April 21.

Number of cases in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region: 707 as of April 21.

Recent Updates

- **Mattresses** are now accepted at the Sechelt Landfill. At the Pender Harbor Transfer Station, suspension will remain in place until further notice. Customers will have to unload and stack their own mattresses in place. We thank you for your patience. Email infrastructure@scrd.ca, or call 604-885-6806 if you have further questions.
- **Community Ambassadors** are out in various areas on the Sunshine Coast doing their best to ensure people are aware of the measures that are in place to promote compliance with Provincial recommendations - staying 2 meters apart for physical distancing, for example.
- **Transportation of healthcare workers** commenced as of April 17, 2020, through provision of a dedicated bus via SCR D Transit.
- **COVID-19 Testing** – the Province announced that anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19 can now be tested by a physician, nurse practitioner or an urgent and primary care centre. The public can also call 8-1-1 to find a testing centre near them.
- **BC Farmers' Markets Online** is a new e-commerce initiative launched in response to COVID-19. Safely order locally produced goods from close to 20 Sechelt Farmers' Market vendors [here](#).
- **April 23 COVID-19 Live Q and A** with Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, Medical Health Officer. More information [here](#).
- **FireSmart** - being at home right now is a good time for everyone to plan ahead for the unexpected. British Columbians could spend this time [FireSmarting](#) their properties.
- **Support service for BC Business:** To help BC businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province and the Government of Canada have partnered with Small Business BC (SBBC) to launch an online [support service](#) to answer pressing questions about the support available to businesses.

- **Is your travel essential?** BC Ferries has an obligation under the Province of BC's State of Emergency to prioritize traffic for essential services, like transporting goods and medical personnel. More details [here](#).

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/