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COVID-19

The Village of Slocan continues to work closely with the Provincial government, Interior Health Authority, the RDCK emergency management teams, and other partner agencies to monitor the COVID-19 situation and respond appropriately.

We recognize the situation has evolved rapidly, and the Village of Slocan has been and is ready to respond as needed. First and foremost, our role as your local government is to support the community, and implement measures if need be, to protect our residents. We will commit to supporting our staff by providing a safe and healthy workplace, to ensure that essential services such as water and other operations, continue to be available with as little disruption as possible. Business continuity plans have been developed for our office front-line staff, as well as our public works staff, to ensure all essential services can be delivered.

BC Health Officials have discouraged all non-essential travel outside of Canada and have banned events. In addition, it is recommended that anyone who travels outside of Canada should stay home from work or school and self-quarantine for 14 days upon their return. We ask that residents review and adhere to the advisories posted by the Government of Canada and local health authorities, to limit risk to our community.

The Village of Slocan continues to monitor the situation closely.
We thank you for doing your part to help maintain a safe and healthy community.

Jessica Lunn
Mayor

COVID-19 INFO LINKS & RESOURCES

Learn more about protecting yourself and your family members by visiting the following sites:

BC Center for Disease Control

<https://bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

BC Ministry of Health

<https://healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

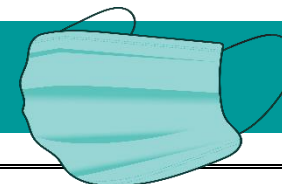
Interior Health Authority

<https://interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/CommunicableDiseaseControl/Pages/Breaking-News-and-Info.aspx>

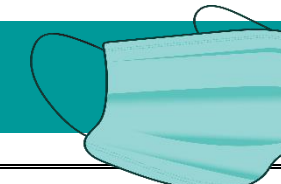
Health Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

STAY CALM. STAY KIND. STAY HOME. STAY SAFE



COVID-19 NOTICES



SLOCAN VILLAGE OFFICE

In order to maintain the health of our staff and overall functionality of the Village, we have made the decision to close the doors to the public for **WALK-INS** only. Staff will continue to work and conduct day-to-day business. This decision takes effect immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

Special payment arrangements are available – please contact the Village Office.

We ask that residents and the public please contact us for service:

BY PHONE: (250) 355-2277 BY EMAIL: info@villageofslocan.ca

SLOCAN WELLNESS CENTER

As a proactive measure against the spread of COVID-19 the
Slocan Wellness Center was closed on March 17th, until further notice.

FITNESS CENTRE

- Service will be temporarily suspended until further notice.
- All active passes will be placed on “hold”, effective March 17th. Passes will resume where they left off upon reopening.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

- Service will be temporarily suspended until further notice.

MEDICAL CLINIC

- NURSE PRACTITIONER: Service will be in accordance to Interior Health protocol. Please contact the New Denver Health Clinic to inquire (250-358-7211).

SLOCAN VILLAGE PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS - CLOSED

- The Village of Slocan does not disinfect playground equipment
- Always maintain a social distance of at least 2 meters *this includes children
- Please avoid high touch areas such as benches, rails

USERS ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISK OF PARK EQUIPMENT USE

Thank you to all our residents who have been practicing social distancing. It has proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illnesses during an outbreak. We are asking parents and caregivers in our community to talk to your young adults and children so they understand the importance of social distancing during this time.

*avoid crowded places

*avoid common greetings such as hugs/handshakes

*limit or avoid contact with people who are higher risk

*keep a distance of at least 2 arm's length (2m) from others

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Information about the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) for patients being tested and/or cared for in the community

Your doctor has determined that you can safely be cared for at home. To prevent the spread of contagious respiratory illnesses including novel coronavirus, we advise that you **self-isolate at home until your test results are complete.**

Your test results will be available within 7 days. You may call the BC Centre for Disease Control Results Hotline for your test results at 1-833-707-2792 (Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm)

Instructions for Self-Isolation

- Stay home except to get urgent medical care** – Do not go to work, school, or public areas (e.g. places of worship, stores, shopping malls, and restaurants). Cancel non-urgent appointments. Do not use public transportation including buses, taxis, or ride sharing. Your doctor may provide you with a note excusing you from work or school.
- Wear a face mask** – Wear a face mask when you are in the same room with other people and when you visit a health care facility. If your mask gets wet or dirty, change it.
Please note: A face mask refers to a surgical/procedure mask. N95 respirator masks are not required by the patient or household contacts.
- Separate yourself from other people in your home** – Stay and sleep in a well-ventilated room separate from other people. Use a separate bathroom if available. Use a face mask in shared spaces. Household members should stay in another home or place of residence if possible, especially if they have compromised immune systems or chronic health conditions. Restrict visitors. However, it is ok to have friends/family drop off food or you can use delivery/pick up services for errands such as grocery shopping.
- Do not prepare food for others in your household**
- Avoid sharing household items** - Do not share dishes, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items with people in your home. After using these items, wash them thoroughly with soap and water.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes** – Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough/sneeze, or cough/sneeze into your sleeve instead of your hand. Throw used tissues into a lined trash can in your room before disposal with other household waste. Immediately wash your hands.
- Wash your hands** – Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use disposable paper towels when possible. For more information on handwashing see <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/hand-washing>. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based sanitizer; however, always wash your hands with soap and water after using the toilet. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Flush toilet with the lid down** – the virus may also be present in stool.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces** – Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (e.g. counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables) once per day with regular household disinfectant containing 1 part bleach to 9 parts water.
- Notify health care facilities before you visit** – Call ahead before visiting a health-care facility, and advise them that you have or are being tested for novel coronavirus. Remind health-care providers when you arrive. This will help health-care facilities to take steps to keep other people from becoming infected.
- Monitor your symptoms** – Seek medical attention if you have trouble breathing, are unable to tolerate fluids, or if your illness is worsening. Notify health care facilities and health care providers (e.g. emergency departments, ambulance paramedics, doctors' offices) before you visit.

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COMMUNITY

Update

The Councils of the Villages of New Denver, Silverton and Slocan would like to thank all the front-line and essential service workers that serve our communities. We are grateful for your hard work and for being there for our communities during this public health crisis.

We thank all residents for doing their important part in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We need to remain vigilant with the following:

- Stay home & self isolate - if you're sick, showing symptoms, or have been abroad.
- Social distancing - stand at least 2 metres apart if you are in public.
- Avoid gatherings of people on private property, at work or in parks.
- Avoid unnecessary travel - work at home if you can; limit grocery runs.

Do it for your family, friends, colleagues, and health care workers on the front lines. Together, we can all make a big difference.
Be calm. Be kind. Be safe.

Health Information

- BC Centre for Disease Control: www.covid-19.bccdc.ca/ BCCDC
- HealthLink BC: Call 8-1-1 anytime to talk to a nurse and get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next.

Economic Supports

Find support for families, individuals and businesses:

- Federal: www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan
- Provincial: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports.html
- Regional: Community Futures of Central Kootenay has a resource page for helping to understand the situation for businesses and providing useful webinars: www.futures.bc.ca/covid-19-support-for-businesses/

Closures

Municipal offices and buildings are closed until further notice. Many of the services are available online. Please check our websites or contact your local Village Office for more information.



www.newdenver.ca
250-358-2316



www.silverton.ca
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www.slocancity.com
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CHANGES to MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES FOR RDCK FIRE SERVICES

British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) has issued a memorandum that will change, effective immediately, how first responders—including those with the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Fire Services—are dispatched to emergency medical calls. The memorandum limits the dispatching of first responder groups during the COVID-19 pandemic and is part of an ongoing effort to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus.

As a result of this memorandum, first responders will be limited to attending immediately life-threatening events, events that require technical rescue such as extrication at a motor vehicle incident, and to time-critical events where paramedics are delayed by more than 20 minutes.
"Many residents in small communities and rural areas across the RDCK rely on our Fire Services to attend in a medical emergency, and they trust us to be there when they need us," said Regional Fire Chief Nora Hannon. "We are dedicated to serving residents and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, and will work with our partners at BCEHS to best support pre-hospital care during this challenging situation." Further updates will be shared as needed and will also be posted on the website here:
<https://rdck.ca/EN/main/services/emergency-management/covid-19-updates.html>



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Residential Spring Cleanup 2020 Monday, April 20 – Thursday, April 23

MAXIMUM: TWO PILES OF ONE CUBIC METER EACH
Put your items in the same location you would normally put your garbage can.

Acceptable Items:

✓ Furniture - sofas, beds, chairs, etc.

✓ Appliances - washers, dryers, etc.

✓ Bricks - up to 1000 lbs.

✓ Tires - up to 22" diameter

✓ There is a **\$20.00** charge for picking up items containing Freon (ex: fridges, freezers)

✓ There is a **\$10.00** charge for Up White Goods (stoves, hot water tanks, etc.)

tagged and researched at village office

Unacceptable Items:

X Vehicles

X Appliances - air conditioning units, etc.

X Bricks - over 1000 lbs.

X Tires - over 22" diameter

X Freon (ex: fridges, freezers)

X Up White Goods (stoves, hot water tanks, etc.)

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS. WE WILL ANNOUNCE A NEW DATE AS SOON AS IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.

POSTPONED

Big Spring Clean

Please don't wait until the last day to put your items out!

Residents are requested to place items for pickup on the boulevard where you would normally place your garbage can. Any items placed on the boulevard after April 23rd will not be removed, and the home owner will be responsible for disposing of the materials.

Need a Vehicle Removed?
The Village will once again offer **FREE** vehicle removal during clean up week. Please contact the Village Office to register. We will require the make/model, licence plate, and proof of registration.
There is no cost to the Village or residents for this service.

OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS CONTINUED FOR ALL HIGH SMOKE SENSITIVITY ZONES IN B.C.



The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in collaboration with provincial public health partners is continuing open burning restrictions for all High Smoke Sensitivity Zones across the province until Monday June 15, 2020. Pursuant to the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, no new fires may be initiated and no additional material may be added to existing fires. These restrictions do not apply to campfires.

A map of affected areas are shown in yellow at:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/air/advisories/2020-0414_hssz_open_burning_restrictions_issued.pdf
Real-time air quality observations and information regarding the health effects of air pollution can be found at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air/>.

While the focus should remain on physical distancing from others to prevent the spread of infection and reduce the number of cases, keeping our air as clean as possible will also help to protect the population during this difficult period. These restrictions will be evaluated daily; the areas in which they apply may grow or diminish accordingly.