



COVID-19 Update April 14, 2020

Local Governments

Village of Hazelton- Closed to the public.

Still available via email (info@hazelton.ca) or phone (250-845-5991).

Garbage collection is continuing.

District of New Hazelton- Open, asking people to limit contact. Call if you have questions (250-842-6571). Garbage and recycling pickup is continuing

Gitanmaax Band Office- Closed to the public. Please call 250-842-5297.

Gitxsan Government Commission is closed to the public, can be reached via phone at 250-842-2248.

Small Business Recovery

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) is offering a Small Business Recovery Consulting Rebate. This program is designed to help businesses reduce the barrier to accessing professional expertise and recover the costs of third-party consulting projects. These types of projects must focus on ways to sustain businesses during current economic downturn.



The consulting rebate will reimburse small and medium sized businesses for contracted consulting services. A rebate of 85% up to a yearly maximum of \$25,000 can be recovered for the cost of hiring a consultant to assist with business efforts. Visit NDIT's website for more info or to apply. <https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/>

Provincial and federal resources:

Province of BC non health information and service such as childcare, travel advisories, school closures and more call **1-888-268-4319** or visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/home>

Employment Insurance regulations have been modified to help improve access for Canadians call **1-800-622-6232** or visit

<https://www.canada.ca/en.html>

The Northern Health COVID-19 Information Line can be reached at 1-844-645-7811.

Wrinch Memorial Hospital

Wrinch Memorial Hospital is only allowing essential visitors at this time, and only one at a time. Staff will work to support families. Please call if you have questions about visiting **250-842-5211**.

Appointments with your doctor are still available by phone.

Do's and don'ts of social distancing

Do:

- Go for walks with people in your household
- Call your friends
- Stay home

Don'ts:

- Group activities or sports
- Play dates, parties or sleepovers
- Visiting friends
- Non-essential trips outside your home



Business Supports

There are a number of supports available for businesses owners and employees in BC. From webinars, to business planning, to financial support, our communities have come together to help each other during this time. Businesses and employees in need of information and support are encouraged to reach out to the Economic Development Officer, Maggie Hall, at mhall@rdks.bc.ca

BC Hydro

BC Hydro is offering the COVID-10 Customer Assistance Program, this allows residential and commercial customers the option to defer bill payments or arrange flexible payment plans with no penalty. Call **1-800-224-9376** to discuss options.

There is also a Customer Crisis Fund for customers facing temporary financial hardships and possible disconnections.

Visit BC Hydro's website for more information.

<https://www.bchydro.com/index.html>

Call 8-1-1 to talk to a nurse that can assess your risk and provide instructions.