



# COVID-19 Update April 20, 2020

## Local Governments

**Village of Hazelton**- Closed to the public.

Still available via email ([info@hazelton.ca](mailto: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.

## Fire Ban/ Open Burning Prohibitions

As of Thursday (April 16<sup>th</sup>) at noon the Province implemented a Province wide fire ban on all Category 2 and 3 open fires. This means no large sky lanterns are permitted. These restrictions are in place to reduce wildfire risk and to ensure that air quality is not compromised.

Campfires are permitted but as always take precautions, this means having water near by, not leaving fire unattended, and fully extinguishing fire before leaving.



## Renter Support

The provincial government has launched a renters who may have difficulty paying rent. The Province encourages all renters to continue paying their rent and talking with their landlord to establish a payment schedule if they can't pay rent right now. The temporary rent supplement will provide for up to \$500 per month, for eligible households to be paid directly to the landlord on the renter's behalf. Additional information will be available at <http://www.bchousing.org> in the days to come.



## Safe Seniors, Strong Communities

The Province is providing funding to United Way to administer the Safe Seniors, Strong Community Program. This program matches seniors and volunteers for grocery and prescription pick up and drop off. Call 2-1-1 or visit [bc211.ca](http://bc211.ca).

## 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](mailto:mhall@rdks.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>

## Physical Distancing Guidelines Still in Place

Physical distancing guidelines are still in place from the Provincial Government. This means that you should not be visiting with people outside of your household. You should be keeping 2 meters between you and others when you do need to go out. Try to limit shopping trips to once a week.

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



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

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