



# COVID-19 Update April 24, 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.

## 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.northerndevlopment.bc.ca/>

## 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.



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

## 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).

## 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.

## 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.**