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Parksville-Qualicum Beach Community Update

Revised Orders Now in Effect

The provincial health officer announced <u>revised orders</u> which are now in effect, extended to January 31, 2022. These orders address rising COVID-19 case counts and include:

- Limited indoor, personal gatherings, including in rental and vacation properties to the household/residents plus ten individuals, or one additional household maximum if all are aged 12 and older are fully vaccinated.
- The BC vaccine card is required for organized events of all sizes and ensuring the QR code is scanned at events.
- Seating requirements and restricted movement between tables at food and liquor-serving premises and reinforcing the need to wear masks when not seated.
- Limiting venues of 1,000 individuals or more to 50% of the seated capacity with reinforced masking requirements and scanning of the BC vaccine card QR code.
- Pause for all sports tournaments while the order is in effect.
- All New Year's Eve organized gatherings and events are restricted to being seated-only events, with no mingling or dancing allowed.

In addition to the provincial health officer orders, British Columbians are advised to limit indoor gatherings to those who are fully vaccinated, to ensure proper ventilation indoors, to avoid all travel if not fully vaccinated and to follow the travel advisory issued by the federal government to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada.

Information about COVID-19, how to protect yourself, your family and your community and what to do if you suspect you have the virus is available from this Island Health link.

https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/covid-19

The provincial health officer revised orders may be viewed at this link:

https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0230-002414

Information about booster dose is available from the province at this link. The information explains priority groups and the requirement to wait until contacted.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/booster

Please take care over the holidays and above all, safe and healthy. See you in 2022.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town of Qualicum Beach

Town Hall is open to the public with full services. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm (except statutory holidays). Offices will be closed December 24, December 27 and January 3 for the holidays.

Although the office is open, residents are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the other payment options including payment through your financial institution; mail a cheque; or drop off a cheque at Town Hall drop box (location below). During utility billing, for online or telephone banking payments, select "Qualicum Beach, Town of - Utilities" as the payee and enter your account number. Please contact your branch if you require assistance. If you do wish to visit Town Hall to conduct business, masks are mandatory while in the building.

Email qbtown@qualicumbeach.com

• Phone 250 752-6921

Post
 PO Box 130, Qualicum Beach V9K 1S7

• Mail Slot Out front of Town Hall, nearest the fountain

Website

City of Parksville

City Hall is open to the public from 8 am to 4 pm and our operations department from 8 am to 4 pm and closed noon to 1 pm. Offices will be closed December 27, December 28 and January 3 for the holidays.

Information for the public when visiting:

- Entrance to the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre is from Jensen Avenue East only.
- Masks are mandatory while in the building.
- Staff may elect to meet with the public either in-person or virtually and in-person meetings will comply with protocols on distancing and masks.
- Main access to the Vancouver Island Library is from 100 Jensen Avenue East which is the main entrance to the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre.
- Main floor washrooms are open for public use.
- The public is welcome to attend Council meetings in-person; however, attendance is limited. Meetings are webstreamed, live and archived, from the City's <u>website</u>.
- If sick, please stay home.
- Refer to the City <u>website</u> and <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u> for more information.

BC Centre for Disease Control
Island Health
Vaccine info - 1 833 838-2323
Medical COVID-19 information - 811
Proof of vaccination info

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