



COVID-19 Community Update

Dr Bonnie Henry's words continue to provide comfort, "All of us need to do our part and we need to continue to support each other. Be calm, be kind to each other and be safe."

Our communities will look different this summer, much quieter without our many festivals and events but please remember we are in this together and will get through it together. Our sincere thanks to Parksville-Qualicum Beach residents for doing your part - let's keep going to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

GENERAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION



TAKE-OUT THURSDAYS or any other day of the week!

Support our local restaurants and make Take-Out Thursdays a thing! Check out the [restaurants](#) in our region that are offering takeout and delivery options any day of the week.

COVID-19 Support Service for BC Businesses

To help BC businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal and provincial governments have partnered with Small Business BC to provide online support service. The [website](#) provides info from industry and community partners, along with resources and tools to help businesses navigate challenges from COVID-19.

<https://covid.smallbusinessbc.ca/hc/en-us>.

BC Hydro residential and business customers can apply online for COVID-19 Relief Fund at bchydro.com/covid19relief.

RDN Virtual Activities and Fitness Videos

The RDN recreation website has a new platform with ways the community can stay active and connected.

- Fitness videos – join in at bit.ly/3btifrc
- Butterfly Art Project – in association with The Old School House (TOSH)
- Be inspired by random acts of recreation and see ideas to keep active
- For all the details visit www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect

UPDATES FROM TOWN OF QUALICUM BEACH

Special Events - COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on summer special events in Qualicum Beach; however, we are looking forward to making 2021 bigger and better than ever!

- 2020 Qualicum Beach Triathlon has been cancelled.
- Seaside Cruizers Father's Day Show and Shine will not take place in June; further details to be announced.
- Beach Day has been cancelled with a tentative date of July 25, 2021.

Property Taxes - due date for property taxes will remain July 2, 2020. Penalties have been adjusted as follows:

- No penalties will be applied to payments and/or homeowner grants received by October 1.
- Payments received between October 2 and December 1 will be subject to a 1% penalty and payments and grants received after December 1 subject to a further 9% penalty. A 10% total penalty is required by provincial legislation.

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UPDATES FROM CITY OF PARKSVILLE

- In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation, 75th birthday celebrations planned for this summer will be celebrated in style on Saturday, June 19, 2021.
- City services continue and with offices closed to the public, please contact us by phone or email. Main phone 250 248-6144 and info@parksville.ca. Department contact information is available on the City's [website](#).
- Parksville Fire would love to help you celebrate a milestone memory such as an anniversary, wedding or birthday with a drive-by your home. Drive-bys on a first-come, first serve basis are for residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area until May 31. Info and how to book at parksvillefirerescue.ca.

HEALTH REMINDERS

CMA Resources and Tools - [Canadian Medical Association](#) is working with the Public Health Agency of Canada, provincial and territorial medical associations and the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health to share the most up-to-date and reliable resources with physicians and patients.

How do I practice physical (social) distancing?

Please stay at home as much as possible and follow local public health emergency requirements. When outside of the home practice physical (social) distancing from others, avoid any crowded places. Self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and wash your hands frequently. If you develop two or more symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose or headache), immediately go home or stay home and isolate from others and follow the advice of Island Health.

- As much as possible, stay home. Even if you don't have COVID-19 symptoms, you could become infected by others.
- Stay at home, unless you have to go to work or obtain essential supplies.
- Avoid all non-essential trips in your community and do not gather in groups.
- Limit contact with people at higher risk (eg older adults and those in poor health).
- Go outside to exercise but stay close to home.
- If you leave your home for any reason, always keep a distance of at least 2 metres from others.
- Household contacts do not need to distance from each other unless sick or have travelled in the last 14 days.
- You can go for a walk if you have not been diagnosed with COVID-19, do not have symptoms and have not travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days.

STAY INFORMED

[Town of Qualicum Beach](#) and the [City of Parksville](#) services continue to be available by phone, email and online, please refer to your municipality for contact information. Health-related information is available from:

[BC Centre for Disease Control](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[Island Health](#)

[Senior Support Program](#) - 211

Medical COVID-19 information - 811

Non-medical COVID-19 information - 1 888 268-4319

Government of Canada Coronavirus info line - 1 833 784-4397

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