

April 24, 2020

We will continue to keep you informed as often as possible through daily updates (Mon – Fri) which are also archived on the [directors portal](#) (SRD Directors access only).

This is an internal document only and public information is listed at www.srd.ca/COVID-19.

COVID-19 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS & GOV'T ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current public health orders (marked with "!!") and official government announcements, are summarized below into one list to help navigate the sea of new information out there. **(Current as of April 23, 2020)**

Items that are new or updated this week are listed below in red.

EMERGENCY STATUS

- Public Health Emergency declared, effective [March 17, 2020](#). See written [Provincial Health Orders here](#), however Dr. Bonnie Henry is also able to issue verbal orders with immediate effect.
- Provincial State of Emergency declared, effective [March 18, 2020](#). New Ministerial Orders [March 26, 2020](#).
- The Provincial State of Emergency has been extended until April 28.
- **Compliance & Enforcement: Violations of public health orders, quarantine orders, or restrictions against price gouging and profiteering can carry heavy fines and even jail time. Report violations to your local government bylaw office, to your local police force through their non-emergency line, or via [Consumer Protection BC](#) (in the case of price gouging).**
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PHYSICAL DISTANCING ORDERS !!

- Violations of Public Health Orders (!!) can carry fines of over [\\$25,000 or jail time](#). For [compliance and enforcement](#), contact local gov't bylaw offices.
- [Gatherings](#) are banned.!!
- Maintain 2m distance from others.!!
- Stay home as much as possible, do not visit with friends (call them instead).!!
- It's okay to go outside for fresh air and exercise, but **stay away from others.!!**
- [Self-isolate](#) if you are sick, even if it is not COVID-19.!!
- Enhanced quarantine compliance procedures in place for travellers entering the country.!!

HEALTH CARE

- **COVID-19 testing criteria changes regularly. Take the [online self-assessment](#) or call 8-1-1 if you have symptoms to check whether you should be tested.**
- Scheduled elective surgeries and procedures are being postponed.

- Workers and volunteers in long-term care may no longer work at [multiple facilities](#)!!
- Visitor restrictions are in place for all [Vancouver Coastal Health](#) facilities, including hospitals, long-term care, assisted living sites, community health centres and clinics. For those living in other health authority areas, check online before you go.
- Parking at all health authority owned/operated health care sites is now free.
- Choose virtual health care services whenever available, physicians will be compensated.
- Physician notes are NOT required for prescription refills by pharmacists.
- Dentists should be providing emergency services only at this time. Services available from other regulated health care professionals (RMT, physiotherapy, chiropractic, etc) may also be limited at this time.
- [MSP coverage](#) wait times are waived for those who have been out of province and returned.
- [Safe prescription alternatives](#) to the illegal drug supply available to people who use substances.

HOUSING

- Immediate halt on all [evictions](#), except for extreme case involving safety concerns and court-ordered evictions. [View Q&As here.](#)
- [Freeze](#) on rental rates. No rent increases are allowed in BC, effective April 1. [View Q&As here.](#)
- Landlords may now [restrict use](#) of common areas by tenants or guests.
- Landlords may [not enter tenants' homes](#) without their expressed consent, unless there is a clear threat to people or property.
- Strata councils may [meet virtually](#) during COVID-19.
- [Click here to see personal supports available to you.](#)

TRANSPORTATION

- Auto insurance
 - Renew [auto insurance](#) by email or phone.
 - [Remote extensions](#) for driver licensing available. All requests for medical information [temporarily postponed](#). Call 1-800-950-1498.
- [BC Ferries](#): Substantial service reductions in effect. Passengers with COVID-19 symptoms will not be permitted to board. Passengers may stay inside their vehicles the entire trip; on board food service is minimal; avoid non-essential travel.
- [BC Transit](#), [TransLink](#): Rear door, fare-free boarding on all buses. Those with accessibility needs can still load at front. Service reductions may be in effect, check before you go.
- All commercial marine vessels with a capacity of more than 12 passengers are [prohibited](#) from engaging in non-essential activities, such as tourism or recreation. Ferries and essential passenger vessels must operate at 50% capacity at most.
- [Click here to see personal supports available to you.](#)

RETAIL SERVICES

- Do not use [reusable bags or containers](#) when shopping.
- Sale of bulk foods are [prohibited](#), except those dispensed via gravity feed bins, or where staff dispense the bulk items.
- The resale of food, medical supplies, personal protective equipment, cleaning products and other essential supplies is prohibited.
- [BC Liquor Stores](#) will stay open, though on reduced hours.
- Private retail wine and liquor stores may now operate between 7am-11pm.
- [Restaurants](#) are open for pick-up/delivery service only!! [Liquor products](#) may be delivered with meals for pick-up/delivery using staff with Serving-It-Right certification.
- Liquor distilleries are now permitted to produce [alcohol-based hand sanitizer](#).

- Only food vendors are allowed at “farmers markets” or “community markets”. !! [Online farmer’s markets](#) opening soon.
- By public health order, the following are closed throughout BC:
 - [Personal service establishments](#), such as salons, spas, massage, tattoo parlours, etc.!!
 - Casinos.!!
 - [Liquor-primary](#) establishments, such as bars and clubs.!!
- **Read more:** [Essential Services List](#)
- **Read more:** [Guidance to retail food & grocery stores](#)

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- [BC Service Centres](#) will stay open, but the first hour of service is dedicated to seniors and other vulnerable people. You can also call for service: 1-800-663-7867.
- In-Person Canada Service Centres are now closed. [Apply for benefits online.](#)
- [bc211](#) is now also available to match volunteers with seniors in need of help with groceries, etc. Call 2-1-1 or visit online.
- Limitation periods to commence [court proceedings](#) have been suspended.
- [Civil Resolution Tribunal](#) deadlines extended; fees waived for those struggling financially
- [Click here to see personal supports available to you.](#)

RECREATION & OUTDOORS

- Restrictions on open burning activities in effect. [Read more.](#)
- Community centres, playgrounds, and sports fields may be closed. Check before you go.
- [Parks Canada](#): Visitor services at all national parks and historic sites are closed. Camping, group activities and events at all national parks, national historic sites, heritage canals and national marine conservation areas are suspended until at least May 31, 2020.
- [BC Parks](#): are all closed.
- All [campgrounds](#) are closed.
- [BC Summer Games](#) has been cancelled.
- Read more: [In-province travel restrictions](#)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & STUDENTS

- In-class instruction is suspended at all [K-12 schools](#), but [continuous learning](#) is available.
- All parents who can, **should** care for their children at home. This makes it easier for providers to follow enhanced preventative health measures.
- Enhanced government funding is available for child care providers that stay **open** and that **close**.
- Providers receiving enhanced government funding (above) **cannot charge parent fees** for any periods of closure or for vacant spaces and **must reserve spaces** for families. Check with your provider to see if they are in this program. (Effective April 2020)
- [Click here for personal supports available to you.](#)
- [Read More: BC Government COVID-19 child care supports](#)

LABOUR & INDUSTRY

- [Employers](#) **cannot require** a doctors notes or testing for people to stay home from work.!!
- All businesses must adjust their operations to meet social distancing orders and should implement enhanced cleaning, or close.!!

- All workplaces must ensure a safe environment for their workers and customers.
- Workers may take [unpaid, job-protected leave](#) if they are unable to work for reasons relating to COVID-19, retroactive to Jan 27, 2020.
- Workers now have [three days of unpaid, job-protected leave](#) each year for people who cannot work due to illness or injury. This is a permanent change.
- [BC Hydro](#) is halting all service disconnections for non-payment of bills.
- Companies looking to offer support or supplies to help with the fight against COVID-19 can do so through the [COVID-19 Supplier Hub](#).
- [New Provincial Health work order for Industrial Camps - employers, co-ordinators & workers](#)
- [Click here for financial supports: Employment & Income Assistance.](#)
- [Click here for financial supports: Businesses.](#)
- Read more: [Guidance for active construction sites](#)
- Read more: [Guidance for manufacturers](#)
- Read more: [Guidance for mining and smelting](#)
- Read more: [Guidelines industrial camps](#)
- Read more: [Guidelines for farmers and farm workers](#)

TRAVEL & BORDERS

- Canadians currently abroad are **strongly advised to return to Canada now** while they are still able. Call 1-613-996-8885 or email sos@international.gc.ca for assistance.
- All Canadian borders are **closed** to non-essential travellers who are not Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents and their immediate family.
- [Reduction in service](#) at Canadian land border crossings in effect.
- Avoid all non-essential travel.
- Anyone exhibiting symptoms will be actively refused boarding onto [all aircraft and trains](#), including for travel within Canada.
- All international flights (including from the USA) entering British Columbia will be restricted to YVR only.
- [Travellers](#) entering the country **must self-isolate for fourteen days**.!! Violations carry a maximum fine of [\\$750,000 and 6 months in jail](#).
- [Click here for financial supports re: travel.](#)

STRATHCONA COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK – WEEKLY RECAP (by Erica Benson)

COVID-19 Response Vulnerable Populations Working Group

The Strathcona Community Health Network has been partnering with local organizations in COVID-19 Vulnerable response planning. Led by the Campbell River and District Coalition to End Homelessness, many organizations across sectors are meeting 1-2 times a week to activate emergency response plan. The SCHN teamed with Campbell River City Junior Planner, Laura Walker, to lead food security coordination. On Monday, a report goes to Campbell River City Council outlining the urgent needs regarding meal provisions for the vulnerable population. Through the collaborative efforts of many organizations, we are drawing close to securing a much needed safe and accessible temporary outdoor and indoor shelter space with bathrooms and showers.

Fire Evacuee Community Response

The Campbell River District Coalition to End Homelessness has also been coordinating the fire evacuee emergency response in partnership with the City, SRD, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Staff and many more.

Through collective action, the residents of the apartment fire have housing until the end of April funded through the City. A coordinated request for funding to Provincial and Federal levels of governance are also underway. The SCHN has played a role in supporting CRDCEH efforts by coordinating a subcommittee of frontline organizations to connect, share resources and avoid duplication of services.

PRIME MINISTER ADDRESS TO THE NATION (RECAP)

April 24 - <https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/covid-19-canada-responds/episodes/66190592/>

- Canadian Emergency Commercial Rent assistance – worked with Provinces and Territories
 - A forgivable loan through CHMC commercial landlords can receive 50% of their rent if tenants pay less than \$50,000 a month
 - Applies to small business, non-profit and charities
 - Available for April/May/June
 - Small Business to pay 25%, 50% to come from CHMC landlord will forgive remaining 25%
 - More to come in Federal announcement
- Talking with First Ministers today about phasing in re-opening parts of the economy – working to implement principals and grid lines to ensure we can start re-opening safely
 - This won't happen over night we have to go step by step
- Long Term Care homes will also be discussed – what we are witnessing is unacceptable
 - Billions of dollars have been sent to Provinces to top up salaries of their care workers already

FEDERAL MINISTERS ADDRESS (RECAP)

Apr 24 - www.cpac.ca/en/direct/cpac2/446779/federal-ministers-and-health-officials-provide-covid-19-update-30/

Dr. Tam

- 42,750 cases, 2,179 deaths, 643,000 tests completed
- Before reopening our health care settings must be ready, homelessness persons access to shelter, workplaces able to re-open safely and able to show measures being put in place, domestic transmissions under control, ensuring importation approaches are ready – this would allow each jurisdiction to review their own situations.

Minister of Finance – Bill Morneau

- Agreements in Principal with Provinces and Territories via Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corp
 - Forgivable loans to cover 50% of tenants rent to assist commercial property owners and small business owners
 - Landlords to offer 75% rent reduction and agree to no evictions
 - Tenants who pay less than \$50K and who have experienced at least a 70% decrease in revenue
 - Retro to April 1
 - Available mid May, landlords asked to be flexible in coming days
- So far we have offered small businesses tax deferrals – income, GST/HST/PST, customs fees, wage subsidies and loans up to \$40K with \$10K forgivable

Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development - Navdeep Bains

- Over 6,000 Canadian Companies have reached out to help – we create letters of intent then enter into contracts
 - Companies who manufacture house wrap and airbags have come together to create a fabric that can be used in production of medical grade gowns – now connected with apparel manufacturers to put together
 - This will result in 18 million gowns deliveries to start this week

- The automotive sector-more than a dozen is re-tooling to produce moulds for production of face shields and masks which will be produced by GM's plant out of Oshawa

Minister of Public Services and Procurement – Anita Anand

- Intense global demand – many supplies are manufactured in China and getting them is complex
- We continue to adjust and refine our logistics
- 6 planes since last Friday have bought millions of N95 masks which are now in for testing
- The base chemical received for re-agent to produce up to 500,000 tests weekly
- 16 million face shields will be made in Canada
- There is a Canadian company now manufacturing sterilization units for N95 respirators – 82 units will be produced.
- Online procurement reports will soon be available to provide info on key supplies and will be updated weekly
- Public Services and Procurement Canada – Supplying the Canadian healthcare sector in response to COVID-19 <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/comm/mc-cd/provisions-supplies-eng.html>

COVID-19 INFO: LINKS, RESOURCES, NEWS RELEASES & MORE...

BC COVID-19 Dashboard

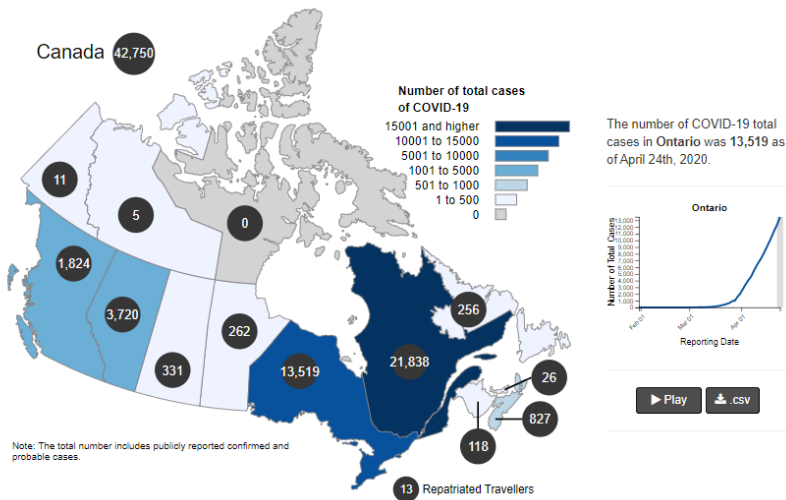
Source - <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

Current situation

Number of COVID-19 **Total Cases** in Canada on April 24th, 2020

Last Data Update 2020-04-24 11:00 EDT

Hover over provinces and territories to see cases over time or hit the play button to animate the map.



Total Number of Deaths 2,197 - 94 BC, 68 AB, 4 SK, 6 MB, 763 ON, 1,243 QC, 3 NF & 16 NS. (Apr 24/20)

Source - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html#a1>

Corona Virus Global Live Tracker

Global Summary

Confirmed 2,813,538	Today 90,369
Dead 196,412 (6.98%)	Today 5,493
Recovered 778,427 (27.67%)	

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Your Country:

	Canada	Confirmed: 43,552	Dead: 2,294	Recovered: 15,469	C Today: 1,442	D Today: 147
	USA	Confirmed: 912,838	Dead: 51,607	Recovered: 92,266	C Today: 26,396	D Today: 1,371

Sort: **Default**

Source - <http://corona.tuply.co.za/>

Custom-Made Masks

Mary Ellen (Mevi) Swift, SRD Financial Services Assistant is making custom-made masks for only \$10.

Various sizes are available - Mens, Ladies and Kids ages 4-10

E-mail your order to mswift@srd.ca.

