

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

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EOC Update: COVID-19 Information

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and working with other municipal and Indigenous governments to provide information updates. The RDOS is also collaborating regionally on the development of plans and processes on a regular basis.

The RDOS has a business continuity plan which is being reviewed and enacted as the situation evolves. The EOC will support the activation of the plan and respond if needed. The RDOS board of directors are meeting on Thursday, March 19 and further measures are expected to be announced at that time. Out of an abundance of caution, board members have been asked to take part via conference call if possible.

Prevention

To support national, provincial and regional efforts to contain and control the spread of COVID-19, the RDOS is asking residents to avoid enclosed public spaces and large gatherings. Proper handwashing, covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and staying home when you're sick is the best protection.

For the health and safety of residents and RDOS staff, we strongly recommend restricting your in-person interactions to essential services only. Please conduct your enquiry or business online: www.rdos.bc.ca. You can also call 250-492-0237 or email info@rdos.bc.ca.

Many RDOS services are operating at very limited capacity or have been postponed. In addition, the RDOS has implemented extra cleaning measures at all public and administrative buildings.

Please visit local municipal or Indigenous government websites for updated service information.

Anyone seeking information about the spread and risk of COVID-19 is strongly encouraged to learn the facts from the official Canadian health authorities.

Interior Health: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

First Nations Health Authority: <https://www.fnha.ca/>

BC Centre for Disease Control: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>

Health Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada.html>

If you have health concerns, call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1.

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