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### **Update on enforcement of public health directives in Campbell River**

Local businesses are overwhelmingly following the rules when it comes to public health requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*“Following the provincial public health orders, Island Health environmental health officers are conducting compliance checks on restaurants, cafes and grocery stores and have indicated a high level of cooperation with these orders,”* says city manager Deborah Sargent. *“The City’s bylaw officers are helping with enforcement, and our economic development office is working to help other businesses adapt to stay open where possible.”*

The City’s bylaw officers are providing information and reporting possible contraventions to public health officers, who may issue fines where cases warrant. To support City’s bylaw officers are focused on private property and public gatherings not monitored by Island Health’s environmental health officers. The Campbell River RCMP is also working closely with the City to deal with a small number of reported breaches and will assist when a police response is required. Any concerns on First Nations land are being addressed by the First Nations Health Authority.

*“We appreciate that most people are following the public health orders, and we echo the Provincial Health Officer and remind everyone that the required precautions are not options. These are orders, and they give us the best chance of limiting the impact of this virus and saving lives,”* says Mayor Andy Adams. *“We must all keep up the hand washing, stay home as much as possible and maintain physical distance from people who are not part of your household – to protect our community and help health professionals cope with demand for medical care.”*

### **Current provincial public health orders**

- Prohibition on gatherings of more than 50 people (all groups must maintain physical distance)
- Closure of businesses serving liquor that do not offer meal service (such as nightclubs) as well as personal service establishments, such as nail salons, tattoo parlours, massage parlours, beauty parlours, barbershops and health spas
- Safe operating conditions at retail liquor establishments and where meals and drinks are prepared and served

The provincial government has confirmed that any business or service that has not been ordered to close, and is also not identified on the essential service list, may stay open if it can adapt its services and workplace to meet public health requirements.

### **Important contact information**

- Direct questions regarding public health orders to the provincial hotline at 1-888-COVID19
- Email concerns about stores, restaurants and quarantine to [HPES.CampbellRiver@viha.ca](mailto:HPES.CampbellRiver@viha.ca)
- Report concerns on private property by email to [eocenfocement@campbellriver.ca](mailto:eocenfocement@campbellriver.ca) or call 250-286-4033
- Report criminal activity or COVID-19 concerns that require an urgent response outside regular business hours to the RCMP detachment at 250-286-6221
- Report concerns on First Nations land to the First Nations Health Authority by email to [covid19@fnha.ca](mailto:covid19@fnha.ca) or call 604-693-6500
- Call the provincial health line 8-1-1 if you feel sick with flu-like symptoms (fever, cough)



***Public health requirements and recommendations for everyone***

- Frequent handwashing, maintaining at least two metres physical distance from people who are not members of your household
- People returning from traveling outside Canada must be quarantined for 14 days.
- People who are sick must stay home.
- People who are not required to be in quarantine are to stay home as much as possible.
- Shop in moderation for essential goods and services – and maintain required physical distance.
- Playground equipment, sports fields and courts, the off-leash dog park and parks furniture are off-limits as coming into contact with commonly touched areas can spread the virus. (Please do not remove signs posted in these areas.)

Check in regularly for updates at [www.campbellriver.ca/COVID-19](http://www.campbellriver.ca/COVID-19)

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