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CVRD closes recreation and community centres to reduce spread of COVID-19

Duncan, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) will close its recreation facilities and community centres effective Tuesday, March 17.

The decision was made at a special Board meeting today, following an announcement from the Provincial Health Officer that reduced the maximum public gathering size to 50 people. Administrative offices will remain open, although the CVRD will be looking at the further reduction of services in the days to come in conjunction with its member municipalities.

“Our Board and staff recognize that these exceptional times require exceptional measures to reduce to the exposure and transmission of the COVID-19 virus,” said Aaron Stone, Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “We ask residents to follow the advice of our Prime Minister and stay home as much as possible, and stay tuned for updates from our public health agencies on this rapidly-evolving situation.”

Effective Tuesday, March 17, the following facilities will be closed until further notice:

- Cowichan Community Centre
- Kerry Park Recreation Centre
- Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
- Cowichan Lake Sports Arena
- Honeymoon Bay Community Hall
- Mesachie Lake Hall
- Youbou Community Hall
- Saltair Community Centre
- All washroom facilities in CVRD parks

Licensed childcare at Elsie Miles School in Shawnigan Lake, and at the Saltair Community Centre, will close effective Wednesday, March 18. Canada Post offices at the Honeymoon Bay Community Hall and Mesachie Lake Hall will remain open until further notice.

The CVRD and its member municipalities ask that the public practice social distancing by limiting in-person visits to public institutions, and keeping a two-metre distance in their personal interactions. The CVRD will continue to convene a Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) in partnership with its member municipalities, First Nations, school districts and Island Health as required, in an effort to share information and practices that will help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

For more information and regular updates please visit the [COVID-19 Information](#) page on the CVRD website.

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