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CVRD service adjustments reflect recent directions from Provincial Health Officer

DUNCAN, BC – In response to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases and new provincial orders and guidelines from Dr. Bonnie Henry, the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is requiring all persons entering its buildings to wear masks.

Effectively immediately, mask wearing is mandatory for members of public and staff while in all CVRD offices and facilities. Residents are encouraged to conduct all business with the CVRD online or over the phone and avoid in-person visits to its offices if possible. Mask requirements during physical activity in recreation centres are still being clarified.

All in-person CVRD meetings, including committee and commission meetings, will cease and be conducted virtually as required. Business meetings for rental groups are still permitted in person, but are required to meet COVID-19 response requirements, including mask use and physical distancing.

In accordance with new restrictions from the Provincial Health Officer, all employees who are able to work from home are being encouraged and accommodated to do so for the remainder of the calendar year.

“We continue to closely follow the recommendations of Dr. Henry, and will be updating all CVRD COVID-19 Safety Plans to reflect the most recent provincial health orders,” said Brian Carruthers, CAO of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “While we do not anticipate any disruptions to our core service delivery at this time, some of our more discretionary service offerings like recreation programs have been impacted and will be adjusting or curtailing service as required. We urge residents to check the CVRD website for information or call our staff directly to inquire about any changes to our services.”

Read the [current orders and restrictions from the Provincial Health Officer](#), and check the [CVRD COVID-19 Information Page](#) for the latest information about our service delivery.

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