



---

The following information is being provided for residents regarding the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We encourage individuals and families to be familiar with the advice and resources referenced, along with where to obtain additional information on this subject.

*Please be advised, on all matters concerning public health, the District of Summerland is guided by expertise and direction given by local, provincial and federal health authorities.*

**Current update – posted March 13, 2020**

The District of Summerland is monitoring our situation closely and is working with Interior Health and other health agencies to ensure our community has access to current and accurate information, including recommended protocols for avoiding infection from COVID-19 and, if needed, coordinated in place contingency planning for the delivery of municipal services.

Those seeking information on the spread and risk of COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to learn the facts from official Canadian health authorities, including those listed below. As an important first step, all Summerland residents should observe the same precautions used when avoiding contact with regular cold or flu viruses. This includes:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

Any one who suspects they may have symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately call 8-1-1 for an assessment. The Public Health Agency of Canada has created a toll-free phone number (1-833-784-4397) to answer questions from Canadians about COVID-19.

For more detailed information and updates, please visit the following websites:

[Interior Health](#)

[BC Centre for Disease Control](#)

[Health Canada](#)